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Turks seize terrorist as he leaves embassy

Girl sets fire to herself as Kurds protest

A 15-year-old schoolgirl set herself alight outside the Greek embassy in London yesterday as Kurds across Europe erupted in fury at the arrest of the rebel leader Abduliah Ocalan.

Thousands of Kurds stormed Greek embassies throughout Europe, kidnapped hostages and Yought running battles with the potice in angry protest at Turkey's dramatic seizure of Mr Ocalan, leader of the PKK Kurdish Workers Party.

In about 20 cities, including a dozen European capitals, frenzied Kurds broke into Greek embassies and consulates in the early morning and barricaded themselves in. Outside, huge crowds scuffled with police and chanted demands for the release of the fugitive terrorist leader, arrested in Nairobi after leaving the

residence of the Greek Ambassador. Outraged Kurdish supporters im-mediately accused Greece of betraying Mr Ocalan, saying that he had been lured out of the residence by a trick. Athens admitted giving him shelter, but said that he had disappeared on the way to the airport.

Mr Ocalan was flown back to Turkey late last night to stand trial on eastern Turkey that has cost some 30,000 lives over the past 14 years.

In London, Vienna and The Hague yesterday, protesters seized hostages inside Greek diplomatic buildings, including the wife, eightyear-old son and housekeeper of the Greek Ambassador to The Netherlands. In Bonn they also held two people in the Kenyan embassy. In London, hundreds of angry

Kurds gathered in Holland Park, dose to the Greek Embassy, which was seized and occupied by about 50



Ocalan: under arrest in Turkey

protestors. Police fought running battles with others trying to reach the mission before sealing off the area. Dozens were arrested

Nejgla Kanteper, from Wood Green in North London and the daughter of a Kurdish refugee, set herself alight and ran towards the main body of protesters sitting in the road in Holland Park Avenue. She was quickly wrestled to the ground by police and other demonthe flames. Police at the scene tended the burns on her back before she was lifted into an ambulance, defiantly raising her hand in a victory salute and chanting "Long live

Kurdistan". Stuart Wheeler, who witnessed the incident, said: "She took her coat off then 1 just saw the flames whoosh up. I didn't see her put any petrol on herself. The police risked their lives trying to put the flames out with their jackets."

Despite calls from the PKK for an

end to the occupations, by nightfall there was still a tense stand-off at most missions across Europe. In Strasbourg 30 protestors with petrol cans threatened to burn the Greek mission but were ejected.

Details of Mr Ocalan's dramatic seizure in Nairobi were undear last night. Announcing his capture, Bulent Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister, said: "He will account for his actions in front of the Turkish jus-

tice system."

Judicial officials said that he would be charged under Article 125 with trying to set up a separatist state — a charge that carries the death penalty. No one has been executed in Turkey since 1984.

The PKK yesterday accused America, Israel and Turkey of a "secret service action" to capture Mr Ocalan. It said that he was in "great danger" and gave a warning of a further violent response if he was harmed. Mr Ocalan said earlier this year that at least 10,000 people in Europe would begin a death fast if he was returned to Turkey to stand trial.

After Mr Boevit's announcement Kurdish prisoners in fails began hunger strikes, and one burnt himcapture of Mr Ocalan but denied any direct hand in his seizure. "We' re obviously very pleased with the apprehension of this terrorist leader," a White House spokesman said.

The Foreign Office, concerned about the safety of British embassies, said it would not make any statement on the arrest that could be seen as provocative but was "aware" of Mr Ocalan's capture.

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London schoolgirl Neigla Kanteper set herself alight yesterday as Kurds protested across Europe

Absent Sainsbury will be lame duck minister'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICK NUTTALL

LORD Sainsbury, the Science Minister, was accused of being a "lame duck" last night after announcing that he would leave government meetings whenever genetically modified

food policy was raised.

As Tony Blair stood by the former head of the grocery chain, protesting that he was being hounded by the Tories consider that he was being hounded by the Tories. over disclosures that he owned a patent connected to biotechnology, the Tories claimed it was "ridiculous" that a science minister had to absent himself

from scientific discussions. At the same time the Government gave the first indications of a shift in response to the mounting public concern over

the issue. In the Commons Jeff Rooker, the Food Minister, ruled out any planting of commercially-grown genetically modified crops this year. Only two weeks ago he said that any new planting was unlikely before the autumn.

Although officials denied any shift of policy, Mr Rooker and Mr Blair repeatedly emphasised the extreme care with which the Government was proceeding and suggested that its attitude would be determined in the light of trials now taking place. Tim Yeo, the shadow Agriculture Minister. change of tune but it is nothing like far enough.

There was fresh embarrassment for the Government last night when Mr Blair's leading green adviser suggested that emergency measures to deal with genetically modified food which "go wrong" should be drawn up urgently. Sir Continued on page 2, col 5

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England expects

Keegan as coach

e named by the Football Asociation as the new England toach. The FA is believed to have agreed that the former England forward could also continue to manage second di-rision Fulham Page 44

Brown in black

Chancellor Gordon Brown is heading for a large budget surplus official figures showed that £12.4 billion of debt was

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Three horses killed in racetrack collision

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

THREE racehorses were killed in a freak accident at Sedgefield racecourse yester-day after they collided with loose horses running in the op-

The horrific scenes at the track in Co Durham came as fallers at the first fence in the Red Onion Novices Chase turned and ran the wrong way round the 11/4-mile left-handed oval circuit. They came on a collision course as the remainder of the field approached the second last fence.

Royal Scimitar was killed instantly and Lorcan Wyer, his jockey, was catapulted into the air but escaped with nothing worse than a sore thumb. Floss The Boss and Skane River also died as a total of six horses were brought down, along with jockeys.

Wyer said: "There is always the possibility that something like this will happen here or at Fakenham. It all happened in a split second. I managed to avoid two of the loose horses but I had no chance of missing

the other one." The worst accident since three horses died in last year's Grand National prompted immediate calls for an independent inquiry. "If it is found that horses have been allowed to run on a course that was not fit for racing heads should roll," said John Robins of Animal

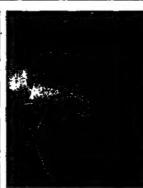
A spokeswoman for the RSPCA said: "We will be making inquiries into this incident concerning the conditions on the course, as we do with any incidents where horses have died as a result of racing." Robert Earnshaw, a former

jockey and the stewards' secretary on duty at Sedgefield yes-terday, said: "It is one of the

worst incidents of its type I have seen. The stewards are going to forward a report to the Jockey Club with their recommendations as to what can be done to make sure it doesn't happen again. There are two escape routes for the horses but regrettably in this instance they didn't take them."

John Masse, spokesman for the Jockey Club, said: "No is-sue has a higher priority with the Jockey Club than the safety and welfare of horse and rider and clearly if there are any lessons that can be learnt from this tragic accident, we will take them on board straightaway. The problem of loose horses on a racecourse is not a new one and has been studied at length. Several suggestions have been put forward and some have been tried."

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The judge no holiday

Judge dons Noddy hat

Mr Justice Posts dressed in a Noddy hat when he was led with counsel and a jury of the Central Criminal Court deep into a Belarussian pine wood. Their guide showed them where his village's Jewish population was machineguane into pits 57 years ago.

The judge had warned the jury in the case of Anthony Sawoniuk, who faces four murder charges, that the trip would be no holiday... Page 3

Triumph for Robbie Williams

BY CAROL MIDGLEY. MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

as a symbol of triumph over adversity last night after overcoming drink and drug addiction to win three Brit Awards. Williams, 26, won best male singer, best single for his number one hit Angels, and best video for his song Millennium. His career had plummeted after he left the band Take That.

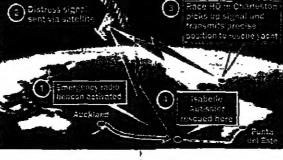
Best album award was won by The Manic Street Preachers, who were also best British group. The Radio 1 DJ Zoe Ball's fiance, Norman Cook. won best dance act and Natalie Imbruglia won two awards. Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart won an award for outstanding contribution to British music and Muhammad Ali was given the Freddie Mercury Award. Des'ree was named best female singer.

Race rival turns back to rescue stricken sailor

By EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE French solo yachiswoman Isabelle Autissier was yesterday rescued by a fellow competitor in the Around Alone single-handed round-the-world race, after her boat capsized in the South Pacific Ocean. Autissier, 42, raised the alarm on Monday when her

60ft vacht, PRB, was about 1.900 miles west of Cape Horn in an area too remote for an airborne rescue. Race organisers in Charleston, South Carolina, decided Autissier's best

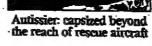


east of her position. It took Solhope of survival was the Italian sailor, Giovanni Soldini, dini in FILA 24 hours to reach 32, who was 200 miles north- Autissier. He was directed by

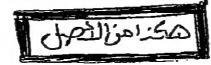
race officials via his on-board satellite communications system. Soldini approached after dark and spotted Antissier's boat almost immediately - a remarkable feat in such a huge expanse of water.

dini's actions as a "masterful. heroic act of seamanship". Although Soldini has Autissier on board, he is still in the race, though she must not as-









Rooker makes mincemeat of Tories' gene food fads

ink with indignation and bearing an unset-tling resemblance to a sition been trounced so fast and so comprehensively. We sketch writers are no genetically modified potato. Tim Yeo, the Tory agriculture spokesman, demanded that ministers come clean about GM foods. Had the Prime Minister yielded to "pressure from President Clinton, who is known to be close to Mon-

Who's she? MPs giggled. Jeff Rooker, the junior minister who may be a genetically modified bus conductor, and who was leading the Government's counter-attack, kept a straight face. Rooker was magnificent. Rarely has an Oppo-

THE Northern Ireland assem-

bly last night set the scene for

a showdown between Union-

ism and republicanism this

spring by overwhelmingly ap-

proving the structure of the

new power-sharing executive.

Gerry Adams was in Down-

ing Street pressing Tony Blair

to take the final step of estab-

lishing the executive and trans-

ferring power from London.

He took with him the lever of a

loyalist handgrenade in an at-

tempt to illustrate why the IRA

David Trimble, the First

Minister, again vowed to block the formation of the executive

until the IRA began giving up

its weapons. He said that Un-

ionists had "now done every-

thing we can do" and the ball

was in Sinn Fein's court. His

slim room for manoeuvre on the issue was underlined by

the 29-29 split in the Unionist

undermined by the seizure of

an IRA arms cache in a house

off the republican Falls Road

loaded rifle, ammunition, det-

onators and home-made exp-

Sinn Fein's case was further

would not disarm.

Even as the assembly voted,

more food scientists than MPs, and at the end we were hardly the wiser. But one truth Mr Rooker did lay bare the Tories have climbed aboard this bandwagon opportunistically and late. Rooker rammed that home. As William Hague and senior colleagues slunk early from the Chamber, even they seemed to acknowledge their humilia-

The occasion had a Swiftjan absurdity ... Minister: Tomato paste -

By Martin Fletcher. Chief Ireland correspondent

losives, and was described by

the RUC as the most signifi-

The assembly voted 77-29

for a 12-member executive on

which Sinn Fein would be

entitled to two seats. It also rat-

ified plans for a north-south

ministerial council, six cross-

border bodies, a civic forum

One member of Mr Trim-

ble's Ulster Unionist Party,

Peter Weir, sided with the

Democratic Unionist Party

and other opponents of the

Good Friday accord. A second

potential defector. Roy Beggs

ing "concrete assurances" that

Mr Trimble would not drop in-

sistence on IRA disarmament.

Mowlam, the Northern Ire-

land Secretary, can in prin-

ciple now trigger the so-called d'Hondt mechanism for divid-

ing up the executive's minist-

erial portfolios between par-

She wants to transfer power

to the executive on March 10,

ties on both sides.

The result means that Mo

voted yes only after receiv-

and a British-Irish council.

cant find in two years.



Hon Members: "Oh!" Minister: Soya beans April and February 1995." Hon Members: "Ah!" Minister: "Maize - 1996 and 1997.*

Hon Members: "Oh! Oh! Agah! Roused to a fury, Mr Rooker bellowed: "My advice on eating raw potatoes? The same as my advice on eating raw chicken. DON'T DO IT!"

For the Tories, Mr Yeo did

ble to resist the pressure from

London, Dublin and Washing-

The DUP's Nigel Dodds

told Unionists the vote was the

"last opportunity they will

have to put the brake on IRA-

Sinn Fein getting into govern-

ment without ... dismantling their terror machine".

Mr Adams, Sinn Fein's pres-

ident, has repeatedly said that

he cannot deliver IRA disarm-

ament and that the accord im-

poses no preconditions on Sinn Fein's admission to govern-

ment. Speaking outside Down-

ing Street he said the vote

ton to admit Sinn Fein.

his best but his problems lay not in his performance but his argument. Framed to justify intelligent concern, the Tory case just about held water. Framed to justify a fit of finger-stabbing outrage, it was lu-

Rooker quickly demonstrated that the Conservative Party seemed to have performed an abrupt U-turn: from an unperturbed acceptance of GM technology in government to a near-hysterical alarm in oppo-

Jeff Rooker is a variable Dispatch Box performer. Incarably carnest and with a short fuse, he sometimes gets into a tangle. But the earnestness pays off in questions like this - of public trust. Rooker believed and understood what he was saying and

The Brummie minister became so fired up that he began dropping and inserting aitches almost randomly: "... only after the most careful scrutiny of their effects on hhhuman 'eaith." A smooth talker would have sorted out his

sion Rooker was casting consonants to the winds. Even backbeech doubters were won over.

Dismaying his front bench, Ian Taylor, a former Tory science minister, told his party that GM foods had turned us all "into headless chickens". But the power of food to ignite feeling is astonishing. For the first time in living memory Bill Cash (C. Stone) quailed be-fore a threat which did not originate in Brussels. Martin Smyth (UUP, Belfast S) denounced a conspiracy which even he could not blame on the Pope. Speaking for the Libgenetically modified cross between the Duke of Windsor and a carrot blamed both the other parties. A fortnight ago, when Wil-

liam Hague first went ballistic on GM foods, this sketch noted that, bizarre as the performance seemed, the Tory Leader might well succeed in starting a food scare.

Now he has. But to start a food scare is to play on the nursery slopes of politics or journalism. Anyone can do it. To stop a food scare is a Himalayan task. That accomplishment was yesterday Jeff Rook-

NEWS IN BRIEF MPs attack new phone numbers

Plans to force millions of people to alter their telephone numbers this summer four years after the last change were condemned by MPs. The Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee criticised Oftel, the telephone watchdog, for proposing the move with-out adequately consulting tele-phone users. The MPs accused Oftel of being "unduly swayed" by operators' claims that technological difficulties prevented them from using existing numbers more efficiently. Oftel said: "If these code changes do not take place London and perhaps other cities will run out of number capaci-

Laser surgery is abandoned

ty by summer 2000."

State-of-the-art laser surgery for patients with heart disease has been abandoned after trials at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, showed that more patients died after the operation than those given simple medication. The laser operation had been widely acclaimed in America and Europe as a breakthrough in treating patients with a rare kind of angina.

Courts will pay for case delays

People will be paid compensation if courts and judges are not ready to start trials on time under the civil justice reforms to come into force in April. At a conference on the changes, Sir Richard Scott, Vice Chancellor and Head of Civil Justice, said that if lawyers and litigants were to be held to account for delays and made to pay for wasted costs, then so should the courts.

Progressive Jews redress balance

Britain's progressive Jewish community took the first step to gaining its own "chief rabbi" with the creation of a post of associate president at the Council of Christians and Jews. Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi who heads the Orthodox community, is the only Jewish president of the council. The progressive community wanted the new post to redress the balance.

Death rate rises for young men

Death rates among young men are getting worse, even though they are falling among almost all other parts of the population. Official figures show that while the number of male teenagers dying in accidents has fallen, they still account for 44 per cent of deaths in the 15 to 19 age group. The increase has been from suicides, mental illness caused by drugs or alcohol, or infections.

Irvine defeated in the Lords

Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, suffered a fresh defeat last night when peers vot-ed against his plan for a Criminal Defence Service that would employ salaried law-yers. The House of Lords voted by 189 votes to 134 to back a Liberal Democrat move against the service, which law-yers feared would be a first step towards a public defender

about to get ready for take-off from Heathrow and leapt out in panic after spotting flames emerging from an engine. Boeing and Malaysian Airlines are investigating the incident last September, which was revealed in a Department of Transport air accident report published yesterday. Two people suffered minor injuries.

'Yes' vote raises stakes in Ulster arms stand-off lock over IRA disarmament is broken. If she tried to activate the executive without the Unionists' agreement they could easily render it inoperable by refusing to nominate their mingued that last night's vote put Dr Mowlam in charge, and that Mr Trimble would be una-

Nejla Kanteper lying on the pavement near the Greek Embassy yesterday as the emergency services go to her aid

'My sister was fearless and passionate about our cause'

THE 15-year-old who set her-self alight as part of a Kurdish protest was described last nigh as fearless and angry by

her younger sister.

While Nejla Kanteper was being treated for burns at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, Gulsen, 12, spoke of meant that the assembly parties had "now done their bit in terms of clearing the last hurdle before the institutions can in West Belfast. It included a and European election cambe put in place, and I urged paigns begin, but is highly un-likely to move until the dead-these in place with all speed". bow the family were regularly beaten in nightly raids by

Susie Steiner and Stewart Tendler on a Kurdish protester's family

Turkish police in their native from their home in Dipkar-

day Gulsen watched as Nejla, her 20-year-old brother, Ersin, and father, Suleyman, left their home in Wood Green, North London, for the Greek Embassy. They had beard of plans for the protest at about lam, when a broadcast went out on a Kurdish satellite television channel. While the three decided to set off then and there, Gulsen's mother, Kadirye, who speaks no English, stayed at home with her.
"They would have let me go but I was sleeping." Gulsen said last night. "I wouldn't

want to go because I'm really scared of it all." moved to Britain six years ago girl when she set herself

SELF-IMMOLATION as a

means of political protest has

become a favoured weapon

In November last year two Kurdish men set themselves on fire in Moscow in protest against the arrest of Abdullah

Ocalan, the leader of the

Kurdistan Workers' Party

(PKK), in Italy. Both survived.

At the same time it was re-

ported that II Turkish Kurds

against Crech politicians' ac-

ceptance of Soviet occupation.

village in Cyprus. They fied to
Britain in 1993.

In the early hours of yester
Kanteper, beatings from the Turkish police were minis-

tered regularly at night. It was that experience, said Gulsen, translating for her mother last night, that made Nejla so political and so angry. "She has felt very strongly about the whole thing for a couple of years. She is not scared of anything. She is a

in a restaurant, accompanied Nejla in the ambulance to hospital. Both he and her father, who is unemployed and learning English at a Kurdish community centre in Haringey. northeast London, are not believed to have been with the

Martyrs who fanned

the flames of protest

Nejla's brother, who works

Kurds have grown more mili-tant against Turkish targets in London. Right-wing Turkish groups have retaliated... In 1991 there were attacks on a Turkish bank in the City of London and the Turkish Embassy in Belgravia. A year

later there was another attack on the embassy and the BBC World Service headquarters.
In 1993 a Kurdish refugee trying to get political asylum in Britain set fire to himself in immigration service offices at Croydon, South London.

alight. "They would have stopped her," Gulsen said. "My mother is very upset."

In the past eight years

There were larger, violent clashes with police in 1994 after the European spokesman for the PKK group was arrested under the Immigration Act. In 1996 two Kurdish militants were jailed for four years each after being caught fleeing from an attempt to fire

Genetically engineered foods are, well, look, you know, kind of terrific, aren't they?



Leave it out Tony!

To find out more about the genetic food fisses and what the alternatives are, call free on 0880 269 065 or visit www.greendeace.org.eh/tracioes

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attempted self-immolation in the mainly Kurdish region of south-eastern Turkey where the PKK had been leading its campaign for independence. The most famous self-immolator is Jan Palach. who as a 21-year-old student in 1969 set himself on fire in Wenceslas Square, Prague, in protest

influenced by the scores of Viemamese monks who set themselves on fire during the Vietnam war in defence of their religious liberties.

is more familiar than in the burn themselves to death.

bimself on fire in protest against President Kim Young

in Vietnam in 1966

In the East self-immolation

ly, under British rule in the 19th century In April 1998 Thuptun Ngodup, a Tibestan monk, im-molated himself in protest at Indian police arresting dem-onstrators when a Chinese general visited New Delhi. A South Korean student set

Sam in July 1997.

The Indian cult, Ananda Murga, practised self-immola tion in the 1970s in protest against the arrest of their leader Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar on charges of conspiracy to mur-der former cult members. And at Waco. Texas, in April 1993 the Branch Davidian leader. David Koresh, was alleged to

have urged his followers to

Passengers leap from jumbo jet

Passengers forced open the door of a Boeing 747 jumbo jet

Sainsbury 'a lame duck' minister



Continued from page 1 Crispin Tickell, chairman of

the Government's panel on sustainable development and fermer ambassador to the United Nations, said he was concerned about the threats posed by the new technology to human health and the coun-

He said he did not want genetic engineering of foods and plants to lead to a repeat of epidemics like Aids where the emergency response had been "distressingly ad hoc ... and

And the scientist at the centre of the controversy broke

fears would be proved correct. Dr Arpad Pusztai, whose research suggested the growth and immune systems of rais fed genetically modified potatoes suffered, spoke after a gag-

ging order was lifted.

Dr Pusztai said he felt bitter at his treatment and hoped a Commons Select Committee

would vindicate his concerns. The scientist - who suffered a heart attack amid the intense pressure - warned the public: "I would not eat these potatoes

Lord Sainsbury, the third

minister he said how he would stand aside from decisions or discussions having any effect on the Sainsbury company. He said that he had not taken part in any government de- (... cisions or discussions relating to genetically modified food policy. He disclosed that on one occasion when GM policy was discussed at the Cabinet

Committee on biotechnology

he had left the meeting.

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sure during this Parliament, is-

sued a lengthy statement ex-plaining how he had placed

his interests in a blind trust

and how when he became a

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Trail deep in snow and past dread



Alan Hamilton joins an Old Bailey jury, judge and lawyers on a 1,200-mile foray into the bitter cold of Belarus, as they seek the truth about a day of Jewish slaughter in 1942

DEEP in a pine wood near the Belarussian village of Domachevo stands a stark obelisk flanked by two unmarked mass graves. Its Russian inscription is dedicated to "the victims of German fascist terror, 1941-45". Soviet memorials never mention Jews.

Along a track covered by snow, Fedor Zan, a small, wizened man of 75 in a grey raincoat and brown fur hat, yesterday led the judge, counsel and jury of Britain's Central Criminal Court, well wrapped against the sub-zero cold, to a site in the middle of the wood. His village's former Jewish population of 3,000 were led here, stripped naked and ma-

chinegunned into pits.
The area was different then, with scrubby bushes instead of stately Scots pines and birches, and there was no snow on the ground. But atrocities committed 57 years ago still haunt what would otherwise be a Christmas-card scene.

Mr Zan was once a school friend of Anthony Sawoniuk. Now he is a key

prosecution witness in the Old Bai-The jurors ley trial of the village boy who, the consulted Crown says, grew into a policeman their maps exercising a ruthand copious less authority over Jews and gentiles alike, and who to notes. Fedor day faces four mur-Zan blew der charges. Mr Justice Potts had warned the his nose jury back in Lonand dabbed don that its unpre-

his eyes

would be no holiday. Nevertheless, its sombre guided tour of alleged past brutality had its jovial tinge. Although still formally a court in session, the participants were able to aban-

cedented visit to a

don the usual rules of dress. The judge wore a bright red, fleecy Noddy hat with ear-flaps. John Nutting, QC, leading counsel for the prosecution, wore a long brown suede coat and puffed a pipe. William Clegg, QC, for the defence, sported a bright Austriskiing pullover with

attached hood. The jurors, 1,200 miles from the comfort of Court No 12, were huddled in subfusc anoraks, leopard-skin coats and moonboots.

Mr Zan, who was flown to London last week to be put under oath, met the court's members at the edge of the village. He was instructed by the judge to indicate four locations. First, he pointed out the house of his sister, whom he had been visiting on a September evening in 1942. The modest cottage, with its corrugated roof, still stands, decorated yesterday by 3ft icicles.

The party walked into the woods along the track which Mr Zan says he used on his way home that night. At times the jurors stopped and consulted each other. They wanted to ask the judge a question: the foreman raised an umbrella in the air to indicate that Mr Justice Potts's attention was required. A gust of chilly wind blew lumps of snow from the branches. Half a mile into the woods, the court stopped

again. Here, Mr Zan indicated, was the point at which he heard cries and screams, leaving his homeward route to investigate. The snow was deeper now, the path less trodden, and the court followed him in single file. The jury consulted its maps and copious

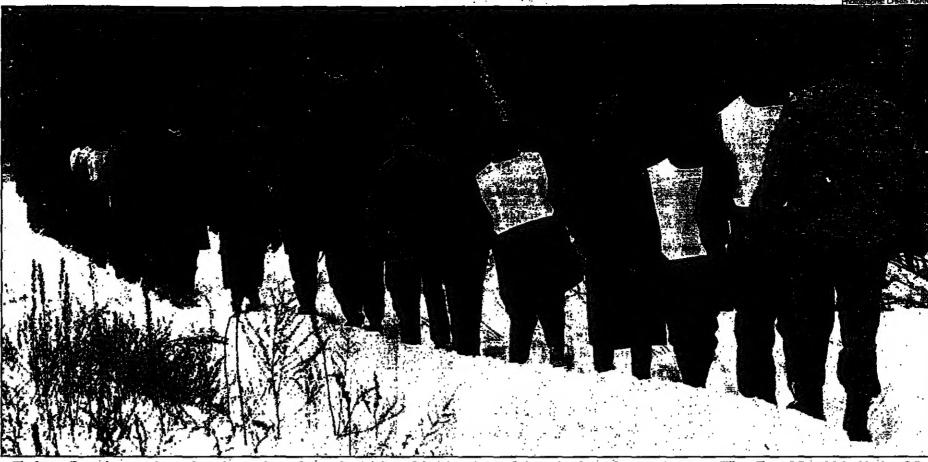
background notes; Mr Zan blew his nose and dabbed his eyes. In a deeper part of the wood, he stopped again. There, he indicated, was where he had hidden. He fought his way through the leafless bushes and took up a position 20 yards from the

to mark the place. "Is that the place?" the judge called, and the interpreter

track. A court usher in fluores-

cent yellow vest followed him

translated. "Da, da, da, da," Mr Zan shouted back rapidly, almost as though imitating machine-



The jury at Domachevo wood yesterday to hear testimony from Fedor Zan, below left. Others there included, below from left, Mr Justice Potts, William Clegg, QC, and John Nutting, QC

track while, one by one, the 12 jurors stumbled through the undergrowth to observe the

spot.
From this hiding place, Mr
Zan claims, he watched as Mr Sawoniuk machinegunned 15 Jewish women and girls directly into a ready-dug grave. The judge said that he would not ask Mr Zan to estimate the distance at which he first heard the screams.

He was then asked to walk to where the shootings had occurred, while the jury remained on the track. Accompanied by an interpreter and court official, he walked a considerable distance further into the wood, beyond the Soviet memorial, and raised a hand twice to indicate the claimed sites of two graves. Allied aerial photographs from 1942 indicate that there were few trees then; yesterday the jury could barely see Mr Zan.

He was thanked and allowed to go home, at least until he reappears as a witness in London. But he was asked if he could wait by the roadside near his house so that he could be filmed and photographed; the judge reminded reporters



and photographers that the court was technically sitting throughout its walk in the woods, and that normal courtreporting restrictions — which forbid identifying witnesses or

jurors — still applied.

The court walked the short distance to inspect the memorial and its adjoining pits, one of which has a substantial pine in the middle, an indication that the tree was not there when it was dug in 1942. The two mass graves are those of



cre of 2,900 of Domachevo's Jewish population by squads of the SS Einsatzgruppen, aided by local collaborators.

But the charges against Mr Sawoniuk relate to later search and kill mopping up. operations, when those who had escaped the initial slaughter were hunted down and

Domachevo is a village of green wooden houses, with as many horses and carts as trac90 per cent Jewish; there are none left now. Earlier in the day the jurors had been taken on a conducted tour of the village, the better to under-

stand the locations from where witnesses will say they saw key events. First they saw Mr Sawon-iuk's former house, which he had had dismantled in the Jewish ghetto and rebuilt in a

more favourable location in

looked, a young woman peeped from within through the net curtains, and a knot of curious old women gathered in the street outside. With Mr Nutting and Mr

Clegg as their guides, they moved on, past the large blue wooden Russian Orthodox church to the police station, destroyed by partisans and since rebuilt, where Mr Sawoniuk was stationed. It was from here, the Crown alleges, that Sverdiovsk Street. As they Mr Zan's aunt and family

were led by Mr Sawoniuk to slaughter on suspicion of collaborating with anti-Nazi partisans in the forests.

With silent villagers watching from street corners, the jury was shown the perimeter of the old Jewish ghetto, where a population of nearly 3,000 was coralled behind barbed wire, eventually to be led out in groups and systematically murdered. Nothing remains of it now and Pushkin Street. the so-called road of death down which Jews were led to the woods and to the machinegun, is a peaceful side-street of cottages and gardens.

Much else has changed. The jury was shown the cinema. once the Roman Catholic Church from which worshippers were ordered out to watch Jews being led to their deaths. punched and rifle-butted on their way.

Time and a foot of snow today blur the picture of total recall. When the trial resumes in London, however, the jury will have a sharper image of four alleged atrocities among thousands committed in one of the darkest hours of European

* BBC blows the whistle on sheepdog series

THE BBC is to drop One Man and His Dog, the long-running television series about

sheepdog trials. In an attempt to soften the blow to its rural audience, the corporation has said that there will be a special farewell edition before the end of the year. The BBC said: "One Man

and His Dog has been a special part of BBC2 for 23 years but after much thought we feel it is time to take a new look at the way we approach country matters. The programme will, therefore, not return in its current form."

Robin Page, who has presented the series for the past four years, urged the show's i.8 million viewers to write to the BBC calling for the decision to be reversed.

He said he had not been given a reason for the decision. "it's typical of how arrogant, stupid and out of louch senior executives are." he said. "They don't seem to have any concept of anything outside London. They are obsessed with things that are supposed to be trendy.

"This is going to upset a lot of country people. It's another kick in the teeth for the rural part of our society. Their livelihood is already under threat is under threat as well."

One Man and His Dog. which was created by Philip Gilbert, the television producer, was first screened in 1976 as a one-off programme but returned the next year by popular demand.

Presented by Philip Drab-ble, with Eric Halsall as commentator, it became a hit by BBC2 standards, attracting an audience of almost 8 million in its heyday. In 1981, 7.8 million watched the series, which was screened midweek at 9.25pm.

By August 1990, when Katy Cropper became the first woman to compete in the series, winning the semi-final with her dog Trim, the show had been moved to weekends.

Four years later, Mr Drabble retired after 18 years, to be replaced by Mr Page. In 1996 Mr Halsall died and Gus Dermody joined the show. Mr

believes that the show has not had a chance since being rescheduled last year to Saturday afternoon, when farmers

are working.
Scheduled against Grandstand, it has been attracting an average 1.6 million viewers but this falls during live sporting events and was just 700,000 during the Five Nations rugby tournament.

Mr Page said: "BBC2 has been trying to cut the show's audience by showing it on a Saturday afternoon. Its natural audience can't watch it."

Mr Dermody said: "I meet numerous farmers and shepherds annoyed by the BBC's and His Dog."



Page says dropping the series will upset country folk

Landlord 'provoked savage beating'

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES WEST OF ENGLAND

A FORMER magistrate "encouraged" two tenants to inflict a savage beating on a man they caught breaking in, a

court was told yesterday.

David Latham, 52, who owned the flats in Gloucester, had been telephoned by another resident concerned at the treatment being meted out to Mark Robinson, 26. But when the landlord arrived he said that he recognised him as a drug addict and paedophile. Ian Dixey, for the prosecution, told Gloucester Crown Court that the remark led to Mr Robinson receiving injuries that left him unable to talk or walk

properly.

Mr Dixey described how Mr Robinson was caught by Michael Ryland, 33, and Russell Lomax, 27. The court was told that Richard Davidson phoned Mr Latham after being told not to call the police by Lomax and his victim.

Mr Latham denies false imprisonment and helping Mr Robinson's attackers by disposing of blood-stained clothing. Mr Ryland denies grievous bodily harm and false imprisonment; Lomax has previously pleaded guilty to the same charges. The trial continues.



Hunted foxes 'face death by stress'

By Claudia Joseph

■ ANTI-HUNT campaigners claim that they have the first hard evidence to prove that foxes can die from stress after a cub rescued from the hounds by saboteurs was examined by a vet.

The National Trust and the Forestry Commission banned stag hunting on their land two years ago when a study found that deer suffered stress during the chase. Now field sports opponents claim that foxes experience similar feelings.

Richard Edwards, the vet who treated the cub, which has been named Copper after the policeman's helmet that protected it from the hounds, believes the fox would have died from the stress it suffered, if it had not been treated. He discovered that Copper displayed all the signs of intense trauma, including a racing heart, no colour in its gums and blood in its urine, as well as being bitten.

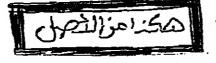
He said yesterday: "Never have I seen a dog come in this profoundly shocked. given the extent of the injuries. I don't believe the injuries were life threatening in themselves. What was life threatening was the severe amount of shock present in this animal. Had it not received treatment it would simply have died."

Copper was being chased across common land by members of the Chidding-fold. Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt, who met at Upperton, West Sussex, when Andrew Wasley, a saboteur, intervened and the fox escaped into a rabbit hole. The fox eventually backed out of the hole and an-

other saboteur covered it with her coat until it was taken to the vet.

Patrick Bateson, Professor of Ethology at Cambridge University, who carried out the study on deer for the National Trust, told Radio 4's Today programme yesterday: "I regard this as the first hard evidence that I have come across that foxes are hunted to the point where they are very severely stressed. I regard this as an important step in getting evidence that would lead one to believe that fox hunt-

ing is unacceptable."
However, Bob Baskerville, a vet and member of the Countryside Alliance, suggested that the saboteurs had caused the stress. "There is a great deal of evidence throughout all species that handling and transport induces stress," he said.



Scientists defend industry as Monsanto appears in court, reports Nigel Hawkes

Confused callers given little comfort

By ELIZABETH JUDGE

THE phones were ringing and the freshly trained operators were sharing their knowledge new-found with callers from all over the country. Sainsbury's genetic modification helpline had been launched.

From a small room in Manchester yesterday, the supermarket chain sought to reassure its customers. But the operators sounded

as confused as the people they were trying to advise. One struggled as he tried to describe what gen-etically modified food was. "It's, erm, well . . like, they do it with soya," he offered helpfully, adding: "It basically means that the people growing the crops use less herbicides so it makes life easier for them. But I'm no scientist.'

A woman colleague faitered as she gave her definition: "It's like em ... when you add something to something to help it grow." She reached for an example "it's like paste. you know, when you add stuff to food to hold it

The helpline was set up after Sainsbury's general information line was flooded with calls about geneti-cally modified food. Fifteen operators were transferred to Altrincham to cope with the demand and they answered 200 calls in the first two hours. Mike Conolly, director of customer relations, said:

"We pride ourselves on giving our customers clear information."

The operators, however. did not appear to have an agreed line on safety. One said cheerfully: "As far as Sainsbury's is concerned. it's completely safe." Another was more cautious: "It's up to you, we give the advice but you have to make up your mind."

The helpline — 0500 301010 -- is open 8am-6pm Monday to Friday and

GM firm faces £20,000 fine

MONSANTO will be charged today with not taking care of a crop of herbicide-tolerant oilseed rape. With a second defendant, Perry-

fields Holdings, the gene modifying food company faces a maximum fine of £20.000 at Caistor Magistrates' Court in Lincolnshire for contravening the conditions under

which the crop was being grown.

The defendants are charged with allowing a o-metre "shelter belt" of unmodified oilseed rape to be thinned in one area to 4m. The shelter belt was to prevent seeds from the genetically modified rape escaping. perhaps to hybridise with a wild relation of rape and produce herbicide-resistant weeds. This has long been one of the concerns raised by

environmentalists over such crops. There was no evidence of damage from Monsanto's breach. The crop was destroyed and the area will be monitored for two years to study any longer-term consequences.

The company expects that the case will provide another stick with which to beat the biotechnology industry. "It has reached hysterics." a Monsanto spokesman said.

Yesterday an eminent group of plant scientists, led by Professor Ray

Baker, chief executive of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council defended the industry: "It is vital to increase the size of the experiments, to learn how

these crops affect farming practice."
Dr. Phil Dale, of the John Innes centre in Norwich, who has studied the spread of pollen from herbicideresistant crops, said: "There is no incidence of weeds becoming tolerant from conventionally bred herbicide-

resistant crops." Professor lan Crute, of the Institute of Arable Crop Research, said that such weeds already existed. They have evolved naturally in response to herbicide use," he said.

Some evidence suggests that wild plants that acquire the herbicide-resistant gene are far from "superweeds" anyway. Dr Joy Bergelson, of the University of Chicago, studied one such plant and found that it died out in five generations. Producing the herbicide-tolerance protein left it weaker than neighbouring

plants and it soon succumbed. Dr Colin Merritt, of Monsanto, said that traditional plant breeding

cause instead of a single gene being transferred, dozens or hundreds were transferred. Often such crossbreeds involved the use of wild rela-

Then there really was a risk of transferring weedy qualities to plants, he said. Compared with that. genetic engineering is a scalpel rather than a sledgehammer.

tives to gain hybrid vigour.

A second concern of environmentalists is crops so clean that wildlife has nowhere left to flourish. The Royal Society for the Protection of

Birds, said: "Nature is taking a ham-mering from intensive farming and the introduction of genetically modified crops may push more species closer to the edge."

This outcome is not inevitable. In a field of wheat or barley, weeds are already rare because farmers spray before crops emerge. Using herbi-cide-tolerant crops would let them spray less often or even allow the

weeds to grow before spraying. Professor Baker believes that we are suffering the aftermath of BSE, which has sensitised the public to the unintended consequences of intensive farming and caused a loss of respect for scientific expertise.

Peer with taste for science and politics

By Mark Inglefield and Jill Sherman

LORD Sainshury of Turville. the minister who has been attacked over his links with ge-netically modified food, developed his interest in science while at Cambridge in the

He had gone up to read his-tory but was sidetracked by the work of the Nobel Prizewinning scientists Crick and Watson, who had made ground-breaking discoveries about DNA. Excited by this. he switched to psychology. Since then he has immersed

himself in science. He said recently that he dreamt of his "fairy godmother turning him into a Nobel Prize winner in plant genetics". He is highly knowledgable on plant biolo-gy as well as neurophysiology. Yet on leaving university he did not pursue a scientific career. Instead he entered the family firm and quietly fol-

He joined the Labour Party in the 1970s and even pro-duced a pamphlet for the Fabian Society on partnership between government and indus-try. "I was basically new La-bour before new Labour." he said recently.

lowed his other great passion.

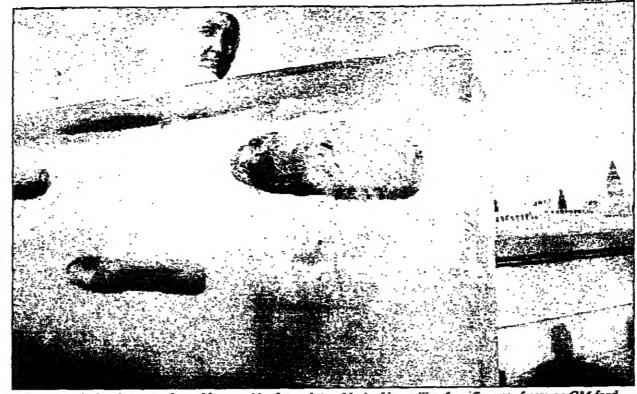
But as the party slipped more to the left he joined and helped to bankroll the SDP. He returned to Labour after Blair became is 1994 and was made a Labour was funding.

peer shortly after the last general election. He was brought into government, along with Geoffrey Robinson and Lord Simon, because of his knowledge of husiness.

During his six years as Sainsbury's chairman, until 1997, he was a powerful advocate of genetically modified food, which he sincerely believes will reduce supermarket bills and improve food quality.

But the Tories claim that his advocacy of GM food exper-iments — his charitable trust, the Gatsby Foundation, has spent millions of pounds on researching plant biology — is motivated by more than intellectual curiosity. Although he placed his El billion shareholding in the family supermarket chain in a blind trust on becoming a minister, his equity, the Tories say, will soar if GM products reach their potential.

Yesterday a spokesman for Lord Sainsbury said that as the minister had no knowledge of what was in his blind trust he could not be accused of being able to influence those concerns. He had resigned from the Gatsby Foundation on joining the Government, although he still made regular donations to the organisation, and had told it in July that he no longer wished to be in-



Protesters in London yesterday, with vegetables frozen into a block of ice, calling for a five-year freeze on GM food

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Sir Robert May

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

SIR ROBERT MAY. the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser, prefers to work mostly behind the scenes. That has nothing to do with bashfulness, as was demonstrated yesterday in a bravura performance on Radio 4's Today.

Of the controversy over feedcally modified potato alleged to have harmed rats, he said: mouth in a cocktail and find held three chairs, in three dif- a soundbite, Is it safe?

that it is not a good for you, I don't draw sweeping conclusion that I should ban all mixed drinks."

He dismissed Lord Sainsbury of Turville's potential conflict of interest as Science Minister by dismissing him altogether. "Sainsbury plays no part in discussions on Government policy on GM foods," he said. "With all due respect to David Sainsbury, he is the junior Minister for Science."

In conversation, the Austral-

ferent subjects, on three continents, makes free with vividly

demotic language. Sir Robert, 63, is critical of the coverage science gets in the media, saying that most scare stories are the result of iournalists getting it wrong rather than poor government leadership. Yesterday be refused to give any snap answers. There was a whole range of complicated questions over the use and development of GM food and crops.

Rainbow coalition calls for freeze

BY JOANNA BALE

THE Townswomen's Guilds and Friends of the Earth are not usually perceived as nat-ural bedfellows but so widespread is the concern about genetically modified food that they have joined a national campaign against it.

The two groups are part of the Five-Year Freeze Campaign, a 29-strong alliance announced yesterday to press for a five-year moratorium on the development and introduction of GM foods. Other members include the Soil Association. the Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environment, and the Catholic Institute for International Relations.

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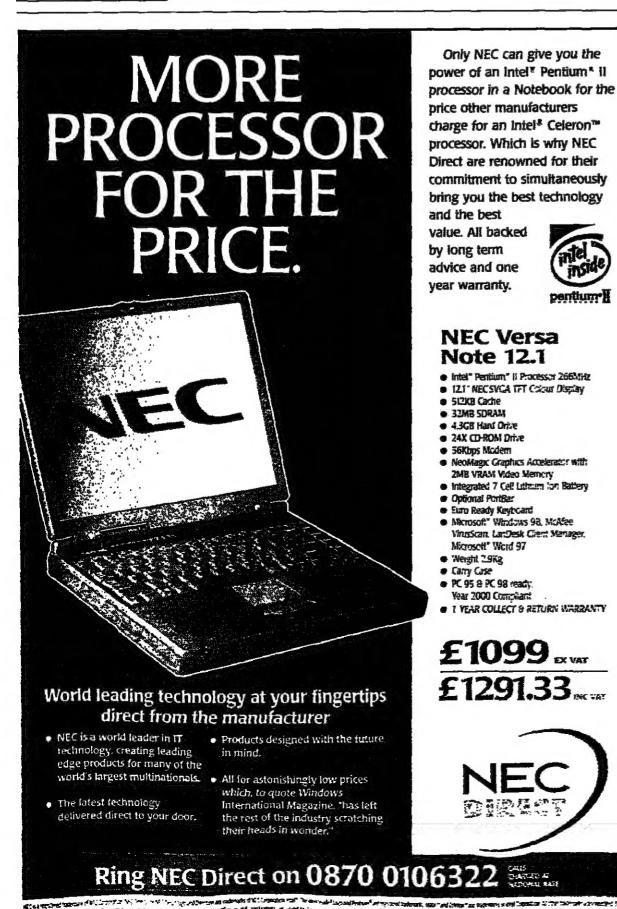
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Campaigners in chemical warfare suits unveiled a 3ft ice At cube, containing mutated fish and maize, opposite the Houses of Parliament yesterday to draw attention to potential risks of genetic modification. Helena Paul, of the Third

World pressure group Gaia Foundation, who is chair-woman of the campaign's steering committee, said: "So many opinion polls kept reflecting unease with genetic engineering that we decided to make this opinion more visible by forming the campaign.

"We all agree that there has been no real process of public information. It is being driven too strongly by finance and the



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Oedipal fury drove son to murder

Kathleen Geldart: shared shopping and cinema trips with son

Psychologist compares killing to Greek tragedy, reports Paul Wilkinson

THE son of a former Tory mayor was convicted yester-day of murdering his mother in an "explosion of emotional violence" that was likened to a

Greek tragedy.

Simon Geldart, 18, was ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure for battering to death with a wine bottle the mother with whom he had an Oedipal-type relationship. Paul Geldart, who saw his son sentenced, had made

a television call for the return of hanging. The former JP had also accused Tory ministers of being soft on criminals and volunteered to birch young offenders himself.
He refused to comment on the sentence yester-

day, referring inquiries to the publicist Max Clifford. Asked why he was involved with Mr Clifford, he said: "I am not doing it for the money. I know the reasons why I am doing it and that is what matters."

Mr Geldart was condemned by his wife's sister, who also said that her nephew should have received the death penal-"Simon and my son were like brothers but I still believe

in a life for a life." Angela Hutchinson, 43, said.
Referring to the link with
Mr Clifford, she said: "It is very upsetting and something the rest of the family knew nothing about."

Teesside Crown Court was told that Geldart, who was 17 at the time of the murder last March. killed his mother. Kathleen, 46, because he knew that she would refuse his re-

You have a son trapped in a close relationship with a mother he cannot

break away from to become a man?

crisis", as portrayed in Greek mythology. "Essentially you have a son trapped in a close was told that Geldart, an only child, had been given every opportunity and support by his parents, even after they di-vorced in 1995 and his father relationship with a mother he cannot break away from to become a man." he said. "He is trapped as a child and this remarried a 23-year-old Tory sults in a sudden explosion of

He was 13 when his father emotional violence." first left home and an already The five-day trial was told close relationship with his that Geldart's life had been mother, a shopworker, be-came closer. She had needed crumbling despite his appar-ently stable surroundings. His

fertility treatment to conceive parents did not know that he had dropped out of college. He mistakenly believed that his and had been the boy's comforter while his father was a girlfriend was pregnant and strict disciplinarian. Mother the day before the murder had and son went shopping and to the cinema together and he bought her expensive pottery. been sacked from his parttime restaurant job.

Christopher Green, a forensic psychiatrist and expert on matricide, said the killing was like a scene from a Greek trag-edy. He concluded that Geld-

meet a friend. He emptied the contents of a wine bottle before had suffered a "catathymic going to her bedroom, where she was dozing.Geldarı told the court: "I don't know what happened next but I remember I

was hitting my mum. I put a pillow over mum's head because I didn't like what I saw." He said that he wept and said, "I'm sorry, I love you" as he hit her several times about through her bag and took the car keys after trying to wipe

On the night of the murder

the prosecution said. Geldart wanted his mother's car to

her blood from the walls. Geldart, from Darlington, denied murder because he said it was not his intention to kill his mother, but the Crown refused to accept his plea of guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished respon-sibility.



Simon Geldart told mother he loved her as he killed her

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By Russell Jenkins

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A POLICE officer and his son who is also in the force were acquitted yesterday of being drunk on board a transatlantic flight. However they could lose their jobs after the judge branded their behaviour loud, bawdy and objectionable. Inspector David Perrett, 49,

his son Richard Perrett, 27, a constable, and Peter Beck, 55, a pub landlord, were dis-charged from the dock but Judge Ensor demanded tougher penalties and longer sentences for drunken air passengers. He also called on airlines to stop plying passengers with alcohol on long-haul flights.

Manchester Crown Court was told that the men, all from were returning from a golfing holiday in Florida, were served several gins and whis-kies and then shared a litre bottle of duty-free gin. They be-came aggressive and abusive.

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Judge Ensor refused a request for costs to be paid from the public purse, landing the men with a bill estimated at about £10,000. The two police officers now face an internal disciplinary hearing.

A man attacked fellow pas-

sengers on a jumbo jet and smashed an inside window after drinking three double whiskies and taking a Valium tablet. Uxbridge magistrates were told yesterday. Lee Thresher. 29, an electrician, pleaded guilty to endangering the flight. He will be sentenced



David Perrett faces disciplinary hearing

air rage take a room at the hotel

By Shirley English

TRASHING a hotel room, swearing at staff or picking a fight with a waiter used to be the preserve of the rich and famous. Now the trend for behaving badly appears to have filtered down to the ordinary man and woman. No longer satisfied with shouting abuse at fellow motorists or air trav-ellers, the public is taking its frustration out on hotel staff.

According to a conference organised by Strathciyde Police in Glasgow yesterday, hotel rage is the latest manifestation of what psychologists see as evidence of a breakdown in social behaviour.

Hoteliers claimed their staff were increasingly having to guests. Recent incidents included a barmaid having a glass smashed into her face after she refused to serve a customer and a fight involving 100 banqueting guests which "took half a small police force

to bring to order".

Michaela Loughney, a representative of Hotel Watch, a group that monitors behaviour in Glasgow, said: "At my hotel I have witnessed physical assaults, armed robbery and have been threatened my self. People come to hotels and think they are anony-mous and believe they can be-

have any way they like."
PC Michael Greville, of Strathchyde Police, said there were no exact figures but on anecdotal evidence the problem appeared to be gening worse. "It is not just the punch in the face, it is the threats and intimidation staff suffer."

Bill Fox, whose company, Maybo, specialises in personal safety, was brought in by Strathclyde Police to advise hoteliers at the conference ves terday. He said the difficulties experienced by botel staff were no different to those encountered by workers in other jobs in the service industry. What people are saying now is that it's not acceptable and we are going to do something about the problem."

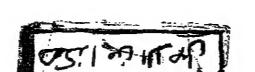
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Abortion rise is linked to Pill scare

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE health scare four years ago over the contraceptive Pill is still causing a crisis of confidence among women, with the number of abortions continuing to rise, according to official figures released yesterday. The figures show that many

women remain clearly worried about the Pill and are prepared to risk an unwanted pregnancy rather than take it. For five years before the 1995 scare the abortion rate fell but it has increased steadily for all age groups between 14 and 49 ever since, growing by 4 per cent last year alone. One pregnancy in five is now delib-

erately terminated. Karen Dunnell, editor of Health Statistics Quarterly a new publication from the Office for National Statistics. said that the rise in abortions was puzzling. "The conception rate has stopped going up and has now levelled off but the

abortion rate goes on "I think there is a general feeling that the Pill scare caused a crisis of confidence among women in methods of contraception and that will not go away. It may be one of the

reasons that larger numbers of women are deciding to use

abortion rather than the Pill." The scare began in October 1995 after reports of clinical trials suggested that the latest type of oral contraceptive contained a type of progesterone that doubled the risk of blood

clots forming in the veins. Tens of thousands of the three million women who take the Pill in Britain stopped do-ing so overnight, with the result that there were 23,000 extra pregnancies over the next nine months and 10,000 of them were ended by abortion. Even though later research

has shown that the Pill is not a health risk, the conception rate has never fallen back to the level it was before the scare and the proportion of abortions has grown. There were 179,700 terminations in England and Wales in 1997, compared with 177.500 in 1996 and 163,600 in

Just under 2i per cent of all pregnancies are now ended by abortion — 2 per cent more than in 1995 - and there are 4.000 more conceptions per quarter than in the three months immediately before the scare. The abortion rate is highest among 16 to 19-year-olds, with 26.7 terminations for each 1,000 women in that age group. The rate among those under 16 - the age of consent — is now 6.1 per 1,000. against 3.5 in 1971.

Close on 120,000 terminations a year are carried out on women in the 20 to 34 age group, almost three times as many as in all the other age groups combined. About 10.000 abortions a year are carried out on women coming from abroad, compared with

more than 32,000 in 1971. Life, the anti-abortion pressure group, blamed govern-ment policies for the continued rise in terminations. Angela Corless, the group's spokes-man, said: "Abortion kills unborn children. Many of these aborted babies are able to feel pain and some of them are old enough to live outside the

"Abortion is a deplorable act. This 'service' is sold to women in a sophisticated way, is readily available and very well funded."

MRS JOLLY'S ANSWER TO THE MILLENNIUM HYPE

the Darkness of the Ages, written by Hillary Jolly. The music was

Through the darkness of the ages, Through the sonows of the days, Strength of weary generations, Lifting hearts in hope and praise, Light in darkness, joy in sorrow, Presence to allay all fears, Jesus, you have kept your promise,

Bounty of two thousand harvests, Beauty of two thousand springs: He who framed the times and

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Has vouchsafed us greater things. Word of God who spoke creation Speaks forgiveness, speaks to

Gathers still his ransomed people in the life he freely gave. Countiess flowers have bloomed and withered,



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Has brought forth terr



Men of sorrows, God of go Shell at lest bring in the flour

You have promised, "I am



Amateur's hymn earns top praise

a competition to write a hymn for the new millennium. It will be sung by congregation and members of the Royal

Family at St Paul's Cathedral. Hilary Jolly. 52. a widow with two children, wrote Through the Darkness of the Ages for the competition or-ganised by the cathedral. More than 550 writers and musicians from around the world, many of whom have had hymns published, submitted entries.

Composers and writers submitted their tunes and texts separately. They were asked to write to a set form and metre. so that all tunes and

Ruth Gledhill meets the inspired cleaning lady who has won a millennium competition for a royal service

announced which the Queen words matched. The hymns

were judged anonymously. Mrs Jolly's words, which have won her a cut-glass rose bowl and £750, have been set to the winning tune by Paul Bryan, director of music at St John's College School, Cambridge. The hymn will be included in St Paul's service on Sunday, January 2, one of the four main millennium acts of worship in Britain on that day. Each will be attended by members of the Royal Family. although it has not yet been

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Mrs Jolly, from Cambridge,
a part-time domestic and
church cleaning lady, is the daughter of a Methodist mother and a Plymouth Brethren father. She did not become a Christian until her mid-thir-ties after "one of those Damascus Road experiences we're told not to expect".

She described her experience of composing hymns: "Walking my dog in the green places by the river on the edge

of Cambridge, with my head full of Scripture and music, juggling rhymes and wres-tling with St Paul to turn his more prosaic pronouncements into poetry, has become life's greatest pleasure."
Her view of the millennium

celebrations are less enthusias tic. "I am quite frankly sickened by the millennium hype that surrounds us. I think it is pagan and most unpleasant." She singled out the Dome

for particular criticism. "It is a temple to some of the least

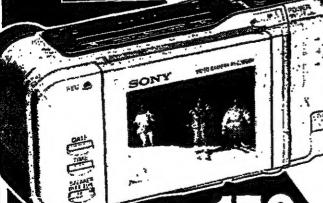
pleasant things that humanity comprises. I particularly dislike the fact that it seems to have as its centrepiece a giant human figure. The millennium is about man, it is not about God."

The competition was organ-ised by Canon Michael Saward of St Paul's, the author of 80 hymns. The words and tune composed by the two runners-up will be included in a service at the cathedral on Saturday, January 8, arranged for young people, the volun-tary sector and Londoners generally. The winning entries and runners up are on the St Paul's website: http://stpauls.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Marine is stripped of his medal

A Royal Marine who kicked and punched a comrade at the funeral wake of a young corp-oral was fined £1,000 and stripped of his good conduct medal yesterday. John O'Connell, 40. now a civilian warebouseman, was a Warrant Ofmost senior bugler at the time. He lost his temper when a friend, while larking about, dropped a tie pin made in memory of those killed in the IRA bombing of the RM band's barracks at Deal, Kent. O'Connell admitted assault before a court martial.

Lure for students

British universities are trying to boost their share of the lucrative Australian postgraduate student market. The British Council has launched a campaign in Sydney aimed at increasing the number of fee paying Australian students by 70 per cent in the next three years, to more than 3,000.

Car plates blitz

Police are to crack down on motorists who customise their car number plates, making them difficult to identify. Fines of up £1,000 could follow a warning. Lord Whitty, the Roads Minister, said: These number plates are illegal and can hamper law en-

Balloon delay

The launch of the all-British round-the-world ballooning attempt has been delayed until this morning, leaving more time for their only rivals to catch them up. Andy Elson and Colin Prescot discovered problems as their 191ft balloon was inflated on a golf course in Almeria, Spain.

Cocaine mishap

A girl aged three are cocaine that she thought was sherbet after it was hidden in a discarded fridge outside her home in Newcastle upon Tyne. Hospital tests revealed no lasting ill effects. A comple unknown to the family were later remanded in custody on a drug-dealing charge.

Home from home

Housebuyers are spending up to a week in their cars for the chance to save £15,000 on a family home. The queue outside the sales office on a former Royal Navy housing estate at Crownhill, Plymouth, stretched 200 yards yesterday although the sale does not begin until Saturday.

CORRECTION

A caption to a photograph (February 15) of a rally in Jerusalem should have described those attending as orthodox.

Meningitis boy's parents may sue

THE parents of a boy who died of meningitis are considering legal action after he was sent home twice by doctors who diagnosed influenza.
Robbie Kennedy, 9, fell ill
within minutes of arriving at

his father's house after a football training session. Derek-Kennedy, 34, an advertising his GP but was told nobody could visit for three hours.

He and his estranged wife, Becky, 33, were so worried that they took Robbie to the Riverside clinic in Ipswich, which offers an out-of-hours

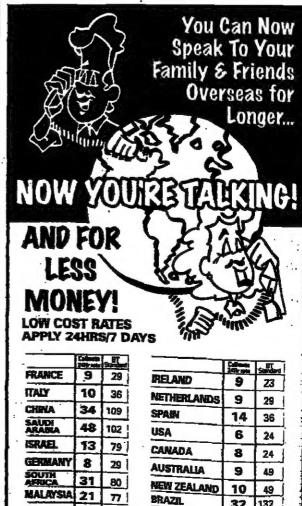
service for local GPs. Mr Kennedy said: "He was delirious with fever, had cold hands, a stiff neck, a high temperature and would not settle. The duty GP said he had all the signs of meningitis but it was very unlikely because Rob-bie was able to bend his back forward. He said it was more

likely that he had flu and ad-

mol, put him to bed and wipe him with a sponge. We asked if we should take him to hospital but we were told not to."

He said his son began to deteriorate rapidly after returning to his home in Rushmere. near Ipswich, on Friday: "I called my wife again and we contacted the clinic, which advised us to bring him in at 2am. He was examined by a different doctor but she would still not refer him to hosmital.

The doctor told us to put him to bed. He was lying dead in bed when my wife checked on him at Sam on Saturday." David Cocks, chief executive of Suffolk Doctors On Call. whose Ipswich base is at Riverside clinic, declined to comment on Robbie's death. He said: "We are a co-operative service representing 309 GPs in the county who take turns to be on call out of hours. All patients are seen by GPs."



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very appealing but it is horses

for courses really and every-

We'd rather stay in Yeovil, say workers offered Bahamas trip. Simon de

Bruxelles reports GIVEN the choice between the palm-fringed beaches of the Bahamas and a wet winter in the West Country, most people would not think twice. But 19 technicians with Westland helicopters have turned down the

chance to exchange the grey skies of Yeovil in Somerset for three months on an island described as a tropical paradise. The technical and support staff were members of a 32-strong team due to depart that weekend for extended trials of the firm's new EH-101 Merlin helicopter. The 13 who went will spend three months on the island of Andros, which boasts eight hours sunshine a day and a February tempera-ture of 25C. The island is famed for its powder-white

beaches, its unique wildlife in-

cluding iguanas and exotic birds, and its 140 miles of unspoilt coral reef. Back home in Yeovil. where the aver-February temperature is 8C, there is swimming in the mu-

The EH-101 Merlin: lack of testing staff

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nicipal pool, the wildlife consists of stray dogs and urban foxes, and the only reefs are the rusting shopping trolleys in the River Yeo.

GKN Westland had handpicked the support staff for the anti-submarine training and weapons trials due to take place on a US Navy weapons range. The members of the Manufacturing. Science and Finance union were offered a 10 per cent "hardship" allowance and given a brochure outlining their job and the working conditions. This gave a warning that the sojourn in the Bahamas would not be a holiday. Support staff would



GKN Westland's factory in Yeovil: management is finding it hard to entice staff away only a 15-minute flight away

and surely being in the Baha-mas now must be better than

Chris Loney, GKN West-

land's public affairs director,

said: The situation won't af-

fect the development and intro-

duction programme. I can un-

derstand some of the reasons

for not going, they don't want

to share rooms because of a

lack of privacy. But there is not

a lot we can find in the way of

alternative facilities at the

base. The options open to us

being in the UK."

be sharing quarters at the US Navy base on Andros and it pointed out that because there is no public transport on the is-land there would be little op-

portunity for sight-seeing. One engineer said: sounds to me if we would be fried in the sun or eaten alive by jelly fish. It may sound great with all those beaches and coral reefs but we could be working 12-hour days and sleeping two in a room." Terry Stone, the MSF's rep-

resentative at GKN Westland. said: "This is certainly not a holimonths with pretty sparse facilities. We are in negotiations about the best way to solve this

was asked there would go. I don't like flying for starters and I am not too keen on boats." A spokeswoman for the Bahamas Tourist office said Andros was one of the most beautiful and least developed islands in the region.

She said: "Andros is paradise. It has some of the most beautiful beaches. It is a wonderful place to go snorkelling and scuba diving, I cannot imagine why anyone would not want to go to Andros, even to work, because when you finished your shift it would be lovely to relax there.

"The nightlife in Na



Couple sue over two failed

vasectomies BY PAUL WILKINSON

NORTH WEST CORRESPONDENT A FATHER of three who had

two more children in spite of two vasectomies is suing the hospital that carried out the operations.

Thomas Brennan, the consultant who performed both operations, said the chances of it failing were about 3,000:1 but it was unheard of for it to fail twice. 'To my knowledge this

has never happened," he said. Yesterday John Pickett, 47, a computer programme manager with BT, and his wife. Pauline, 41, a clinical psychologist, brought an action at the High Court in Leeds for compensation against St James's Hospital. Leeds. They want the money to provide care for-Louise-Charlotte, 7, and Emily. 4, horn as a result of the failed vasectomies. The couple, from Roundhay, Leeds, have another three daughters of their own and an adopted son. Mr Pickett would not accept that Emily was his until tests proved it.

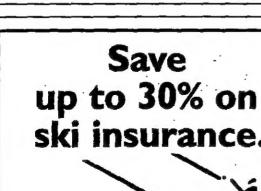
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former County Hall, and is considering opening other restaurants around the

BRITISH AIRWAYS is cooking up a plan country. It hopes in give discussions dishes whose ingrestions and the second seco

One project insular said TESSANDE ha great to know that the lobsics with the eating in London was flown in from New England that morning."

Bosses are hoping the project will feet some much-needed cash into the arrium

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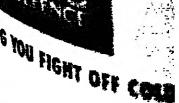
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Lawrence inquiry last year. PC Stephen Dukamp said they attempted to force entry to the inquiry building on the day five men suspected of be-ing involved in the teenager's death were due to give evi-dence. As police struggled to keep order in the foyer there was a short-lived "explosion of

violence".
PC Dukamp told South-wark Crown Court in London: "At least three of the Nation of Islam came on top of mc. I felt a punch in the shoulder fol-lowed by several other blows to my head and body. I was then punched to the floor. Another officer to my left was be-

ing punched."
The officer said he was able to arrest his attacker. Rasaki Yesufu-Muhammad. I repeated to him that he was under arrest for assault and violent dis-order." Mr Yesufu-Muham-mad, from Northolt, West London, denies affray on June 29 last year. The case continues.

Police finger the Stone Age potter

By Dalya Alberge arts correspondent

THE cast of a Neolithic finger has helped a museum to solve a 5,000-year-old mystery: Stone Age man's fingerprints were the same as our own.

The discovery would not have been possible without the help of the City of London Po-lice. They were called in to help the Museum of London's inquiries into a sizeable frag-ment of pot that entered the museum's collection in 1914 after it was dredged up from the Thames near Mordake, to the

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southwest of the capital.

The pot's Stone Age maker had decorated it with crescentshaped indentations around the rim by prodding a finger into the wet clay. When ex-perts took a cast of the holes with silicone rubber, they found a fingerprint and the impression of a particularly thick and badly chipped nail.

Michael Crockett, the police

fingerprints officer, said: "This is so far away from my normal



Michael Crockett, the fingerprints officer, with the pot

sphere of work, which is trying to chase criminals. To find something left 5,000 years ago is extremely rewarding. To find any fingerprint gives you

The structure of Neolithic fingerprints, it emerged, was no different from our own. with ridges flowing from one side of the finger to the other. Simon Thurley, the muse-um's director, said the fingerprint provided another clue as

to what prehistoric man looked like. What we could learn from skeletons was limited because so few of the bones had survived. "Did their flesh look like ours? What did their fingernails look like? This puts the flesh on the bones."

The pot - on display at the museum until Sunday - may have been made for domestic use. Jon Cotton, curator of prehistory at the museum, said that because it was found in

tossed into the water as a sacri-ficial offering. "Pots were also often broken and it is thought that this may have been done on purpose to remove it to the spirit world."

He added that the fingerprint discovery "opens up an-other avenue of inquiry", prompting researchers to re-think the image of Neolithic man as primitive.

Such pots were built of ropes of clay joined together and perhaps decorated by more than one member of a family: they might have been passed around a camp fire to while away an evening. Untion was usually made with

sticks or bones.

Although the police used a high-intensity light source to raise the ridges on the surface. there was not enough information to form any picture of the individual. The small size of the nail and the print suggest that it may have been made by



The silicone rubber cast showed that fingerprints have not changed in 5,000 years

Triads are cashing in on credit card fraud

By STEWART TENDLER **CRIME CORRESPONDENT**

CHINESE triad gangs are being linked to an explosion in credit card fraud. Losses involving British cardholders jumped from £9.6 million in 1994 to £20 million last year.

Details taken from cards used in shops or restaurants in Britain are sent to the Far East in minutes and transferred onto fake cards. The fakes are used on the same day. Sophisticated fakes carrying

details of foreign consumers are also brought into Britain and account for a further £13 million a year in losses. which have to be met by the credit card companies.

Couriers known as "mules" carry the forged cards into Britain. They are controlled by a senior member of the gang known as a "jockey" and are sent on shopping sprees to buy luxury goods that are exported

to the Far East for resale.
Wayne Smith, head of National Criminal Intelligence Service specialist crime unit, said yesterday that detec-tives had traced gangs moving across Europe buying designer goods and jewellery. Triad members had also been found in Britain using specialist equipment to make fake cards.

Hotel will score softly with fans of United

BY RUSSELL JENKINS NORTH WEST

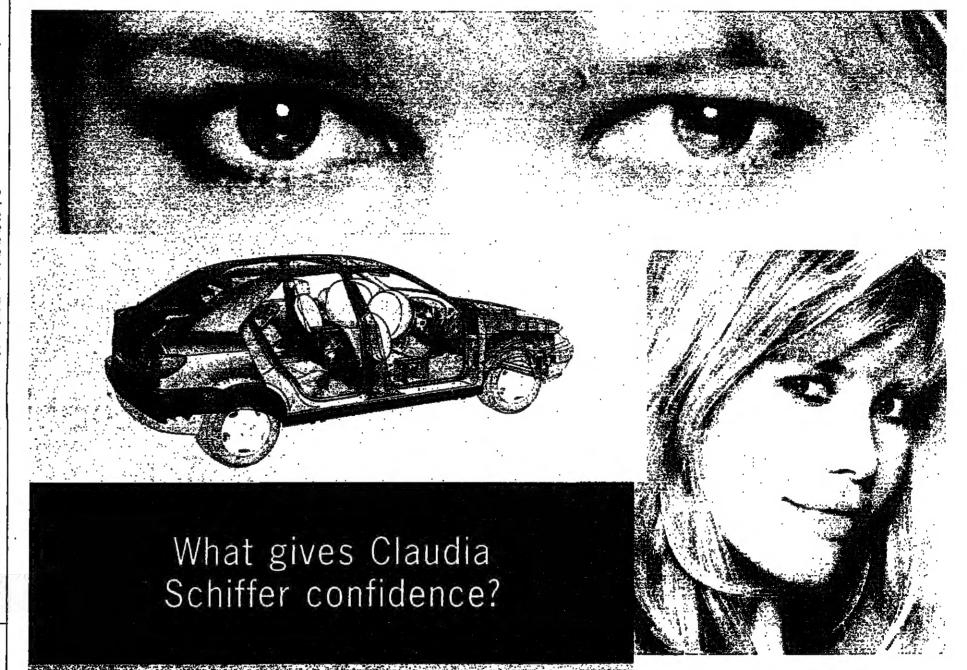
THE television chef Gary Rhodes is a big Manchester United fan. But he baulked at the prospect of serving the club's own-brand champagne and red wine in the brasserie that bears his name at the official Manchester United hotel,

which opened yesterday.

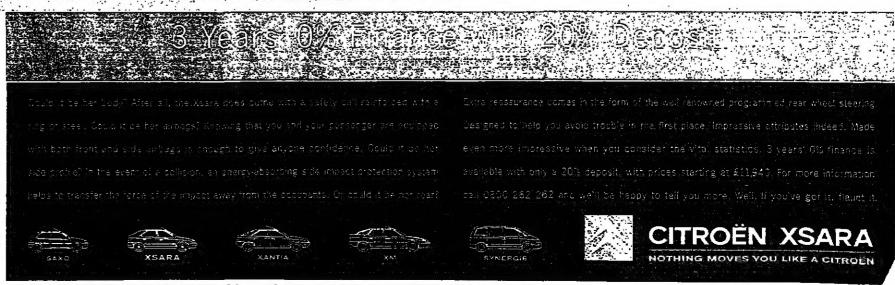
Likewise the III bedrooms of the three-star-hotel, newly completed at a cost of £5 million at Water's Reach, only a free kick away from Old Trafford, are mercifully free of Eric Cantona portraits or other United-related themes.

The average business travelier could be forgiven for think ing he was staying at any other modern, comfortable, midprice rival. The Quality Hotel, Manchester, is not even named after United.

But they should be warned that it is likely to be fully days by supporters who want to wake up and see the towering north stand from their bedroom window. The hotel, 25 per cent owned by the club, is already heavily booked, at £98.50 for an executive twin room, for tonight's Premier ship clash against Arsenal.







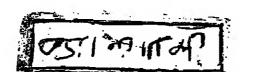
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Tories boosted by poll

By James Landale POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BREAKAWAY pro-European Tories could win seats in this summer's Euro-elections after a MORI poll showed that a pro-single currency Conserva-tive grouping could secure about II per cent of the vote.

Under the new system of proportional representation being used in eleven multimember regions, this would be enough votes for the group to secure at least one seat in each region where they put up

The research was commissioned by Brendan Donnelly and John Stevens, two MEPs who resigned from the Tory party last month to form the

Pro-euro Conservative Party. Some 52 per cent of respondents said they would vote La-bour. 26 per cent Tory. But when asked how they would vote if breakaway Conservatives formed a pro-euro party. only 20 per cent said they would back William Hague Il per cent said they would vote for the pro-euro party.

Pro-euro Labour 'torn apart' by Welsh feuding

SENIOR Labour MPs yesterday moved to prevent the Welsh party descending into civil war after the result next weekend of the bitterly divisive ballot on who should head the Cardiff assembly.

The group of leadership loyalists

urged activists to bury their differences after Saturday's decision as one leading MP said the party had been "torn apart" by the campaign between Alun Michael and Rhodri

It emerged last night that if he wins, Mr Michael will move immediately to offer his rival a job in the Principality's new administration. However, the Michael camp was hit by last-minute jitters after concerns that the GMB's expected support would fail to materialise. Mr Morgan's supporters were claiming strong support from GMB members in local consultations.

The manoeuvring paved the way for an edgy final 48 hours' campaigning before the result is officially declared. The divisions have been emphasised by charges that Mr Michael, the Welsh Secretary and Tony Blair's favoured candidate, is being imposed by the Labour leader-

ship.

Welsh party grandees — Paul Murphy, the Northern Ireland Min-

Senior MPs move to stop leadership battle turning into

civil war, report Valerie Elliott and

Roland Watson

ister, Kim Howells, Trade and Industry Minister, Alan Howarth. Minister for Arts, and Don Touhig. chairman of the Welsh group of MPs — called for unity. "We hope that the party will accept the result on Saturday. When the result is known we have to pur this leadership contest behind us and concen-

trate on winning a Labour majority in the assembly," they said. The statement was also signed by the MPs Sir Ray Powell and Llew Smith. A similar exercise by North Wales MPs was led by Barry Jones and Gareth Thomas. The moves were seen as a sign of the divisions. One senior loyalist said: "The party has been torn apart. It has been personally vitriolic. Alun Michael, if he wins, has a very big job to do in try-

ing to build up the grass roots." Mr Michael's supporters believe their man is shading the race, but Mr Morgan's camp point out that the great unknown in the electoral arithmetic is the constituency section, making up a third of the final result. Polls show it is running three-to-one in favour of Mr Morgan. However, Mr Michael was hang-

ing on the GMB result, with Mr Morgan's supporters claiming that members had supported him by four-to-one in regions where there had been a ballot.

Although the votes are not bind-ing on the GMB leadership, there were signs last night that Alan Garley, the GMB regional secretary. may delay the result until Friday. There was even speculation that the union, which represents 6.2 per cent of the final vote, could abstain, which would be a severe blow to Mr

Mr Morgan was buoyed by votes from a branch ballot of the shop-workers union USDAW, and backing from the Transport Salaried Staffs Association and the builders' union. UCCAT.

John Shortridge, 51, director of economic affairs in the Welsh Of-fice, was yesterday named as Permanent Secretary to the assembly.



Tony Banks, the Minister for Sport, competing in a pancake-tossing race in aid of Rehab UK, a charity for the disabled, in Westminster yesterday

£30m to upgrade casualty units

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE than £30 million is to be spent on hospital casualty departments to shorten waiting times, improve privacy and security and buy modern equipment. Tony Blair announced yesterday.

One in three accident and emergency departments are to get grants from the Depart-ment of Health's £1 billion modernisation fund, which is also funding the nurses' pay award. An experienced con-sultant with expertise in A&E services will also be appointed to lead a team spearheading a national drive for improve-ments in all casualty depart-

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Hospital in Basingstoke yesterday, the Prime Minister said the money would go on 80 dif-ferent schemes in 70 hospitals, including better facilities for children, for resuscitation and reducing the number of pa-

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Beware tax returns by politicians

dom go together. Fig-ures are distorted. claims exaggerated and the underlying tax and spend-ing dilemma facing all gov-ernments is ignored. So when the Tories launch a campaign calling for hones-ty in taxation, scepticism is in order. Nonetheless,

Maude, the Shadow Chancellor, has hit one of his two targets, while curiously ig-noring another. Mr Maude argues that Labour gave a misleading impression of its tax plans before the last election. Gordon pledge that Lawould no

raise the basic and . higher rates of income tax, and ON POLITICS would not extend VAT, allowed him plenty of leeway on other tax rises, as a number of us pointed out

at the time. Claims by Tony Blair and the Chancellor that they had "no plans to in-crease tax at all" and "our proposals do not involve raising taxes" may have been technically correct since firm plans did not exist, apart, mainly, from the windfall levy on utilities. But Mr Brown and his advisers knew before the elec-tion that other tax increases were likely, if not certain, to be needed, and they did disguise their probable inten-

Since May 1997 we have had the tax on the dividend income of pension funds, reductions in mortgage tax re-lief and the married couples' allowance (carrying on where the Tories left off). bigger rises in excise duties than had been previously planned, and increases in axes on business. Mr Maude has a fair point in describing these as stealth taxes, though Mr Brown might regard this as a com-

The Tories have gone on to argue that, as a result, the tax burden is rising quickly under Labour. The burden, defined as net taxes and social security contribu-

tions, is set to increase from 35.4 per cent of national income in the last Conserva-tive year of 1996-97 to 37 per cent in 2001-02. But accord-ing to the Red Book at the time of the last Conservative Budget in November 1996, the share was projected to rise more, to 38 per cent in 2001-02.

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This does not, of course, mean that Labour has somehow been more successful in holding the tax burden: instead, its increases have been offset by the buoyancy of national income. All this shows how tricky it is to

hold down the tax burden. Mr Maude argues great mistakes of the last Conservative Gov-

fail to explain vigorously enough that there is also a strong social case for lower taxes. If people are taxed less, they are able to do more, not just for themselves but for their families and their communities."

But how? It is no good willing lower taxes without saving how the state is to become smaller. Which services and welfare commitments are to be shifted to present. Labour pretends that public services can be improved without raising the taxes of ordinary people (when they are, in fact, beng raised by stealth), while the Tories pretend it is possible to have lower taxes without cutting back on core public and welfare services (when the tax burden is very hard to cut).

uriously, Mr Maude has not yet made much of the redistributive aspect of Labour's policies. Mr Brown's various tax increases, coupled with abandonment of universal benefits, and the introduction of student fees, have shifted money from the middle class to expand help for the poor. But no Chancellor, or Shadow Chancelior, is every really candid about taxes.

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A poster of Abdullah Ocalan is hung out by Kurdish protesters occupying the Kenyan Embassy in Bonn

Greeks admit hiding rebel Kurdish chief in embassy

THE Greek Government yesterday was forced into an embarrassing admission that it had given secret diplomatic shelter to Abdullah Ocalan. leader of the KurdIsh guerrilla group PKK, who is wanted in Turkey for terrorism.

Coming after weeks of strenuous denials, the admission was certain to send Greek-Turkish relations, always

problematic, to the cliff edge. Theodore Pangalos, the Greek Foreign Minister, told a press conference that Mr Ocalan had been under Greek diplomatic protection at the embassy in Nairobi, from where he vanished on Monday, only to turn up captured in Turkey early yesterday.

Rumours of the Kurdish chieftain's capture apparently triggered Kurdish militant attacks on Greek embassies and consulates in 13 European cities on Monday night.

Mr Pangalos appeared intent on appeasing a triumphant Turkey by condemning the attacks on the embassies and the taking of hostages as "utter brutality", threatening that he would order "merciless treatment" of the occupiers if they did not quit the embassies within the day.

Despite the tough talk, it seemed clear that Turkish suspicions that Greece and its eft-wing Government are abetting the Kurdish cause were confirmed to some degree. Mr Pangalos said Mr Ocalan was put up at Greek Athens red-faced after fugitive is captured by

Turkey, writes

John Carr

diplomatic premises in Nairobi for 12 days after abortive attempts to seek political asylum elsewhere. Against Greek advice. Mr Ocalan wanted to leave for The Netherlands. Somewhere between the

Greek Embassy and Nairobi Airport, Mr Pangalos said, the car in which the PKK leader was riding "suddenly vecred away out of a convoy and disappeared". Greek diplomats who were following were apparently unable to give pursuit. Hours later Bu-lent Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister, said that Mr Ocalan

was captive in Instanbul. Pro-Kurdish politicians in Greece, both left-wing and right-wing, were quick to accuse the Government of Costas Simitis, the Prime Minister, of negligence or worse. Most commentators on Greek television said the Government had made it easy for the Turks to seize their prey in the interests of maintaining smooth Greek-Turkish relations. In previous weeks Mr Simitis had denied having dealings with the PKK leader.

Britain fears new terrorist attacks

By Michael Evans, defence editor

THE eruption of protests in London and other capitals over the deportation to Turkey of Abdullah Ocalan, the leader of the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), has raised the serious prospect of an escalation in violence in this country.

There is also concern that

the PKK might repeat their anacks on holidaymakers in Turkish resorts which caused a number of British injuries at

Marmaris in 1994.
A Foreign Office warning urges holidaymakers bound for Turkish resorts to be vigilant. This has been underlined recently by Iraq's threats of terrorism because of Turkey's permission for its bases to be used for US and British combat air patrols.

However, the Foreign Office and other government departments yesterday were taking a deliberately unprovocative line to avoid worsening what was already a potentially dangerous situation.

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staged demonstration to gain maximum publicity for the rebel leader, the security authorities are aware of the potential for increased violence as Turkey prepares to try Mr Ocalan on terrorist charges. The many Kurdish support-

ers of the PKK living in Britain are regarded by the police and MIS as legitimate dissidents, who are allowed to stay in this country provided they pose no threat to Britain's security and do not become involved in plotting violent acts abroad.

The revamped Prevention of

Terrorism Act specifically includes action against people living in Britain as political refugees who are suspected of inciting violence in their countries of birth or elsewhere.

With the latest demonstrations over the detention of Mr Ocalar, the fear being expressed yesterday was that support for the PKK leader could raise the temperature over the Kurdish issue and Although the protests were could escalate to acts of terror-

Turks inherit Ocalan dilemma

THE anger of PKK sympathisers in Europe contrasted with the stunned jubilation inside Turkey that the country's Public Enemy No I was now under lock and key. But Abdullah Ocalan remains the world's hottest potato and Ankara may now find itself confronted with the very

dilemma that persuaded European capitals to keep him at arm's length. Mr Ocalan will face trial in Turkey for his leadership of a bloody insurrection that the authorities say has cost nearly 30,000 lives. While many of Turkey's estimated 12 million Kurds may have no sympathy for these violent methods, the Judi-cial proceedings held under the glare of international publicity will evoke

deep passions.
There has not been an execution in Turkey since 1984, but the judiciary will come under pressure to make an exception. The authorities will be damned for making Mr Ocalan a martyr if they hang him and accused

of caving in if they do not.
"He was a headache for the Italian Government and he is going to be one for us too," said a senior Turkish Foreign Ministry official in a reference to the crossfire that confronted Massimo D'Alema, the Italian Prime Minister, when Mr Ocalan was in Italian custody.

Such pessimism was not the immediate view of Bulent Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister, who yesterday broke the news himself. Turks go to the polls on April 18 in a hard-fought contest between at least seven political parties — including one with a Kurdish nationalist tinge. A few extra percentage points in the Government's popularity that the capture is bound to bring may make all the dif-ference to the political fortunes of Mr

Turkish pressure was largely responsible for forcing Mr Ocalan to abandon his long-term headquarters in Damascus at the end of last year and then to flee from Moscow. This strategy appeared to have backfired when Mr Ocalan went to Italy with the apparent consent of the Government. Ankara's fears that the PKK was winning international credibility and making the difficult transition from "terrorists" to "freedom fighters" appeared to be coming true. But Mr Ecevit's quiet diplomacy

appears to have succeeded in preventing this, where the outrage and threats of economic sanctions issued by the Turkish Government he replaced had failed. And in the end the Kurdish leader found no safe place to hide. The US, which brands the PKK as a terrorist organisation, also played its role. Washington sees Mr Ocalan as a destabilising influence not just on its ally, Turkey, but also on the Kurdish community under US protection in northern Iraq.

Even so, Turkey's allies, including the US, have consistently urged Ankara to get on with political reforms

that would allow greater minority rights for its Kurds and deprive the PKK of its moral ammunition. The official Turkish response has always been that it could not make concessions that would be perceived as a sign of weakness

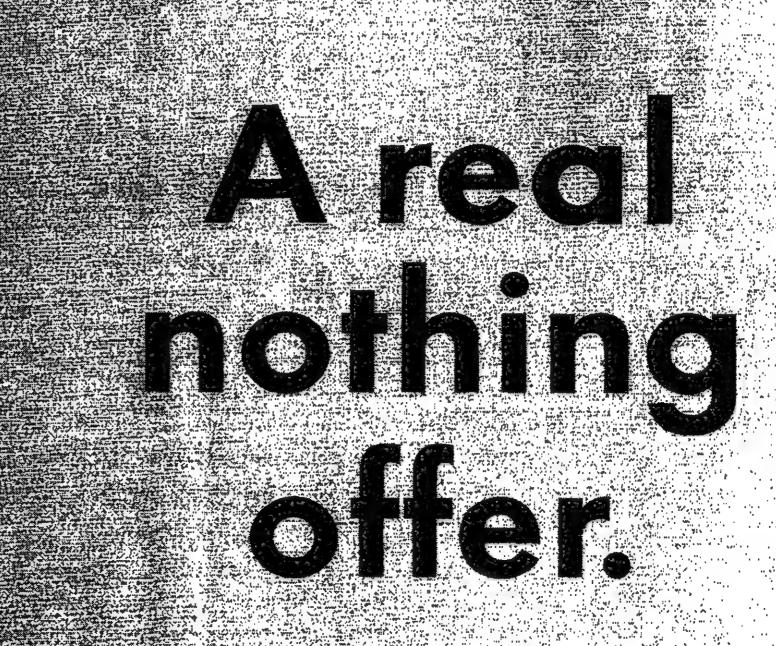
Turkey's treatment of its famous prisoner will now come under intense scrutiny, Mr Cealan is not, however, the first senior PKK leader to find himself behind bars. Last year Turkey detained Semdin Sakik, the organisation's principal field commander. Some of the subsequent confessions were leaked to the press, including a less than credible admission that the PKK was responsible for the assassination of Olof Palme. the former Swedish Prime Minister.

It seems almost certain that Turkey's intelligence forces will try to use the time in the run-up to the trial to discredit the PKK further and drive a wedge in the growing divide reported between Mr Ocalan and those of his supporters still under arms. The Turkish Army, too, can be relied upon to press the advantage against a highly hierarchical organisation that has now been deprived of its head.

If Mr Ocalan's detention really does bring the fighting in the southeast of Turkey to an end, then the country will indeed have something

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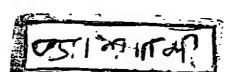




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Serbs must go or we fight on, says rebel chief

ovo Liberation Army (KLA) yesterday dismissed the possibility of disarming or disbanding his guerrilla forces as part of any negotiated settlement that stopped short of giving full independence to the southern Serbian province.

"Zone commanders such as myself are members of the General Staff," said the fighter, known as Commander Remi, one of the most senior KLA officers remaining in Kosovo. "We obey our orders, but the General Staff is fighting for the freedom of Kosovo, so we don't expect orders to disarm or disband. We'll put our weapons in warehouses only when we have liberated

Commander Remi is in charge of the most vital of the seven KLA operational zones which divide Kosovo. Included in his area of responsibility is the municipality of the provincial capital, Pristina, as well as the vital highway run-ning north which connects Kosovo to Serbia. Though only 27, the former law student, who interrupted his studies to fight, has previous combat experience gained in the Yugoslav Special Forces during the Croatian war in 1991.

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non-negotiable. The Serbs yes-

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ments on progress so far,

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Nothing short of independence will do, a defiant Kosovo guerrilla commander tells Anthony Loyd in Lapastica

deal being discussed by negoti-

ators in France - among them

a five-man KLA deputation -

include not only the destruc-

tion of the KLA as a military

force but the re-creation of a

Kosovo police force with Serb

as well as ethnic Albanian

membership, and a shared defence policy with Serbia. According to Commander

Remi, none of these points is

negotiable. "The KLA is get-

ting stronger by the day." he said. "I am hoping that we will

be accepted by the international community just as our repre-

sentatives have been accepted

tonomous region, the zone commander stipulated: "Free-

dom means not only the with-

drawal of police and military

forces from Yugoslavia, but

the constitution of a new state

with a new system as Albani-

ans wish. And as far as unifica-

tion with Albania? It's an on-

going process, but a slow one."

Rejecting the idea of an au-

His fighters have the best record of any in the KLA. Well armed and equipped, they have encroached to within 500 yards of the arterial road north and have held their gound against repeated Serb counter-attacks.

Ironically, 80 per cent of their weaponry, which in-cludes grenade- launchers, mortars and fire-and-forget anti-tank systems, they have bought from mafia gangs in-side Serbia. "The Serbs who sell to us are the clever ones," one of Commander Remi's deputy commanders declared. They profit from what is inevitable. That is a wiser thing to do than come here and die."

Speaking with succinct artic ulation at his headquarters in Lapastica, an ethnic Albanian village 21 miles north of Pristina, Commander Remi appeared well briefed on developments from the stumbling peace efforts at Rambouillet. Key defence points of the

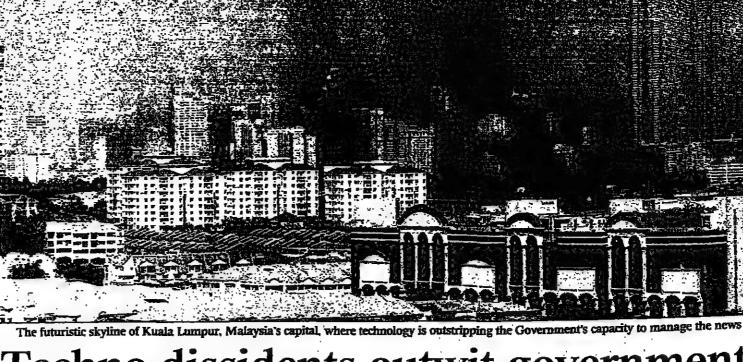
Paradoxically, the Ram-bouiliet talks seem to be found-ering not on the KLA's refusal US envoy has crisis to accept the terms offered to them in France — for the negotalks with Milosevic tiations have not progressed far enough even to touch on these issues — but on Bel-FROM TOM WALKER IN RAMBOUILLET grade's refusal to accept Nato

troops on its soil. THE American mediator of ficials speculated that he was Beyond the failure of negotihoping to win Mr Milosevic's the Kosovo peace talks, Chris ations in France, the escala-Hill, flew to Belgrade last consent to the political aspects tion of war into Kosovo's night for emergency discus-sions with President Milosevic towns and ultimate victory. of the deal, leaving aside military and policing "annexes".

The Serbs made it clear yesterday that allowing Nato into Kosovo unopposed, and the Commander Remi was also considering his own future. The man with cold, one-dimenof Yugoslavia. Earlier his exasperated colleagues had reminded both sional blue eyes, a face grey the Serbs and ethnic Albaniwithdrawal of almost 15,000 and drawn with lines suggest

special police, are unaccept-

able. Kosovo Liberation Army his youth, wants to return to the study of law. representatives are appalled that their people's army will disappear under Nato super-"My ambition is to go to Tirana and finish my last year at the faculty studying. But my vision. Saturday's deadline for a deal is fast approaching. intentions to take care of our army may never let me go," he with US, Russian and Austrian mediators still frustrated.



Techno-dissidents outwit government

IN MALAYSIA, George Or-well's vision of 1984 is having to contend with Windows 98 as the Internet and e-mail outrun the attempts of the Government to manage informa-tion and control dissent.

The attempts by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Prime Minister, to turn Malaysians into technically sophisticated inhabitants of the 21st century is backfiring in ways he never anticipated. Opposition Internet sites and links run into their hundreds. far outstripping the techno-dissent in China and Indonesia at the time of the removal of President Suharto.

Dr Mahathir's pet project is Linear City, a high-tech zone to run from central Kuala Lumpur to the new international airport. Projects like this, along with Malaysia's role as an assembly base for Japanese electronic technology, mean that Net access and competence are high.

The Government has failed to grasp that control of radio, television and the press can ing at least an extra decade to be easily circumvented. Nearly verbatim accounts of the controversial trial of Anwar Ibrahim, the former Deputy Prime Minister, are now appearing on the Net simultan ously with the bowdlerised versions in the local media.

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Malaysia's ambitions to join the Internet revolution have backfired, writes David Watts in Kuala Lumpur

When a news agency flash from the Anwar trial appeared on a dissident Internet site within minutes recently, the Special Branch tempo-rarily detained the reporter and accused him of "conspiring" with the Opposition. In reality, a hacker had broken "borrowed" the report. Even the Government con-

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firms that dissident sites have received two million calls over the past few months. Archives of background material, including the sound of Mr Anwar's speeches, can be downloaded from the Net. One of the earliest is the service run by M. G. G. Pillai, a veteran local journalist, who started his Sangkancil network three years ago, frustrat-

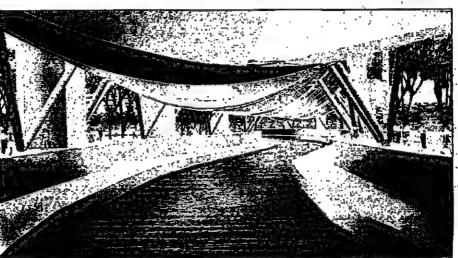
ed at the poor quality of local reporting and comment.

He started with between 500 and 600 subscribers for material which is mostly in English. The total is now about 1,900 and includes senior figures throughout South-East Asia. In addition, his articles are printed and distributed in samizdat form. One leading businessman 300 copies. Once, when a taxi driver realised Mr Pillai was in his car, he pulled out a sheaf of articles and let him ride for free. The low cost of accessing Internet information — usua ly the price of a local tele-phone call — means that information is widely available and there is no question of trying to license computers and computer equipment, in the

people have access to the ma-

terial and a lawyer passes on

way that the Russians used to license photocopiers and typewriters. The Government has tried to block certain sites. but even that avenue has been sealed off by opposition site operators who use sophisticated encryption technology to protect their material and now base their sites offshore. So discredited is the mainstream print media that the newspaper of the opposition Islamic Party of Malaysia now outsells the New Straits Times by two to one.



An artist's impression of Linear City, a high-technology zone of Kuala Lumpur

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Russia scraps naval exercises with Britain

AN AGREEMENT between the Russian Navy and Royal Navy to hold joint exercis-es as part of an attempt to forge closer mili-tary links has been scrapped by Moscow after only 12 months, in protest at Brit-ain's involvement in bombing Iraq. The naval agreement was signed in Dec-

ember 1997 by George Robertson, the De-

Sergeyev, the Russian Defence Minister, at a ceremony in Moscow.

The concept of joint naval exercises with Russia was hailed as an example of the Government's "defence diplomacy" under which the British military would play a part in improving relations with Moscow. However, according to Ministry of Defence sources, the Russians have pulled out of the agreement, at least for

fence Secretary, and Marshal igor the time being, because of the bombing

campaign in Iraq last December.

HMS Somerset, a Royal Navy Type 23 frigate, held a one-day exercise with Russian warships off St Petersburg in June last year. Later a Russian warship, the Bespokoiny, arrived at Plymouth and took part in an exercise with HMS Norfolk, another Type 23 frigate, including a search and rescue training operation. Further joint naval exercises were planned.

Military link taints leader in Nigeria's presidential race

FROM SAM KILEY IN LAGOS

OLUSEGUN OBASANJO yesterday emerged as the frontrunner in Nigeria's elections for a civilian Government, but deep suspicions remain over whether the former major-general would herald another cycle of military rule, this time by soldiers in mufti.

An internationally respect-ed figure, Mr Obasanjo is seen by many Western Governments as the leader they would most like to see handle the transition from dictatorship to democracy in Africa's most populous country.

But his many critics in Nigeria have been made un-easy by the substantial donations he has made to his People's Democratic Party, which they believe could not have come from his own coffers. They also claim there was widespread buying of votes among party delegates at the weekend when Mr Obasanjo was selected as presidential



Obasanjo: doubts over

As a former officer who led a commando contingent with distinction during the 1960s in the Biafra war. Mr Obasanjo, 61, is reviled among many fellow Yorubas in the southwest of the country because of his popularity in the senior echelons of the army, which is dominated by the Muslim northerners

The military have made their choice, Obasanjo, but the pauperised population have little choice at all in this election," said Morin Babalola, an anti-corruption campaigner. Her view is shared by Chief Gani Fawehinmi, a leading human rights lawyer. who called the elections a "lop-

sided political process".

Mr Obasanjo faces a chal-lenge from Obu Falae, also a Yoruba, who is popular in his home areas and who received the nomination of an alliance of the All People's Party and the Alliance for Democracy.

Campaigning in gubernato-tial. council, parliamentary and the presidential elections has revealed few policy differences between the rivals. Nigerians will have to de-

cide who will be their next President largely on his personality later this month. Mr Obasanjo, an outspoken critic of military rule who spent three years in jail until released last year after the death of the then dictator, General Sani Abacha, has vowed to stamp out corruption which has impoverished the world's sixth largest oil producer. He has been silent, however, on what moves he would make to "de-politicise" the army.



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Dufoix: arriving at the court yesterday

Tainted blood victim attacks **Fabius**

FROM SUSAN BELL

AS THE tainted blood trial entered its second week yesterday, a victim of the scandal accused Laurent Fabius, the former Prime Minister, of failing to destroy blood stocks contaminated by HTV, the Aids related virus.

Sylvie Rony, who appeared in court in a wheelchair attended by two nurses, was infected with contaminated blood on August 2, 1985, as she gave birth to her first child. Not ordering the de-

struction of the stock was not a political error, it was a crime," she said. M Fabius replied that he had "no comment on such

profound suffering".

The families of thousands of victims who contracted Aids after receiving tainted blood from the national transfusion service have been joined by the media in criticising the handling of the case by Christian Le Gunebec, president of the court trying M Fabius and two former Health Ministers, Georgina Dufoix and Edmond Herve, for man-

Yesterday the victims odged a complaint accusing him of partiality after he refused to allow them to join the hearing-as civil parties. The judge had dismissed them as "passersby" who had no place at

The right-wing Le Figa-ro questioned whether Judge Le Gunehec should be replaced by a more pugnacious" president. Despite a distinguished legal career, the judge has been accused of incompetence. Claims against him in-clude failing to acquaint himself with the facts and favouritism in his treatment of the accused.

Fugitive Mengele 'took holidays in Switzerland'

Jews furious that Angel of Death made postwar visits to Europe on Red Cross passport, writes Christopher Walker

JOSEF MENGELE, the notorious Nazi war criminal who escaped arrest at the end of the Second World War by fleeing to South America, returned to Switzerland many times to take holidays and visit his family, apparently with the know-

ledge of the local police.

The disclosures about alleged Swiss laxity towards the activities of wanted Nazis have shocked Jews around the world. They were contained in the latest issue of the Zurichbased Jewish weekly, Israelitsche Wochenblatte, based on official documents not due to be made public until 2009.

The German-language publication claimed that Mengele - known as the "Angel of Death" because of the genetic medical experiments he conducted on Jews, including twins and dwarfs, in Ausch-witz — used a fake Red Cross passport to take frequent trips to Switzerland in the 1950s, at one time staying in 1956 at an Alpine hotel called The Angel in the central Swiss resort of

Engelberg.

The paper disclosed that Mengele also used his false identity to spend an extended holiday at a flat rented by his wife in a Zurich suburb and to pay a number of visits to his son, who was studying at a private boarding school in the affluent town of Montreux.



Mengele: the SS doctor

Dov Alfon, a Paris corre-spondent for the Tel Aviv newspaper Haaretz, yesterday quoted Viktor Schlumph. the Swiss Justice Ministry spokesman, as telling a French journalist that the new information depicted "a horrifying tale which the Govern-ment of Switzerland will now investigate to the full

Mr Alfon told The Times

that he was convinced that documents on which the revelations were based were genuine, "It seems that someone on the inside chose to leak them well in advance of the date to which they were officially em-bargoed." he said. "This information has spread like wild-fire and stunned Jewish communities in Europe."

Born in Günzburg, Germany, and later declared medically unfit to serve at the front in the Second World War, Mengele was - at his own request - appointed doctor of the Auschwitz death camp. As well as his experiments conducted between 1943 and 1945. he participated in the selection of tens of thousands of prisoners in the Birkenau camp at-tached to Auschwitz destined to die in the gas chambers.

The Encyclopedia Judaica comments: "The figure of Mengele decreeing life or death by a flick of the finger has become one of the symbols of the Holocaust: he was called by the camp inmates the Auschwitz monster","

Based on the documents, the Zurich weekly claimed that Mengele received a Red Cross passport on May 21, 1949, after submitting to the Swiss consul in the Italian port of Genoa a forged ID card in the name of Helmut Gregor.

Several days later "Helmut Gregor" used his new pass-port to fice to Argentina. In the early 1950s Mengele moved to Paraguay, apparently after Interpol issued an international death warrant against him that was distributed in Buenos apologise for the pain-we Aires. By 1956 he felt it safe - caused Holocaust survivors enough to begin his visits to and beg for their forgiveness". Switzerland, where he found The Zurich weekly charged



no difficulty entering or leaving, even though it is alleged that the alias of "Helmut Gre-gor" was already known to the police all over Eurone.

A spokesperson for the International Committee of the Red Cross stressed that during the period when the false travel document was issued "the organisation was entrusted with the task of helping tens of thousands of people in distress. We issued 70,000 passports, and were not always able to efficiently establish the identity of all those seeking our help. We

that the Swiss police knew of the flat in a Zurich suburb rented by Mengele's wife, where he took an extended vacation in 1961.

Mr Alfon wrote: "The Swiss police knew of the flat and followed Mengele while he was there: Their failure to arrest him was apparently a bureaucratic mishap. "The Swiss Justice Ministry

waited for an official extradition request from Germany. but by the time that this arrived. Mengele was on his way back to South America.

"The Swiss policemen following him did nothing to detain the Nazi criminal, instead contenting themselves with writing down the license plate number of the car that took him to the airport."

Yesterday the Federation of Swiss Jews demanded that the Swiss Government set up an immediate commission of inquiry into the affair.

Mr Alfon said: "It is unknown whether the Justice Ministry will agree to open its archives, although it is clear that the documents published by the paper were leaked from them.' He added that, according to

the official story, which many still question, Mengele - who originally studied medicine and philosophy — drowned at a Brazilian beach in 1979. **WORLD IN BRIEF**

Manila Briton in child rape arrest

Manila: Gerald Charles Hart, 66, a retired oil company technician from London, has been arrested and faces charges of raping at least two girls, aged 12 and 14, after drugging them and tying them up. Child rape is punishable by death under Philippines law.

"The allegations against me are certainly, absolutely not true," Mr Hart told reporters yesterday. He was arrested near his home in Novaliches in suburban Quezon City, where he has lived for two years. Police said they found pictures of him molesting other bound, unconscious girls. (AP)

Cuba toughens laws

Miami: The Cuban Government has proposed tough new laws to combat dissent as well as violent crimes as part of a major review of the country's penal code (David Adams writes). The laws, which are expected to be approved by the National Assembly, the Communist Party-run legislature, include raising the maximum prison term for "counter-revolu-tionaries" and enemy collaborators from 20 to 30 years, as well as introducing the death penalty for drug traffickers.

Timor 'transition' call

Canberra: Bishop Carlos Belo, a Nobel laureate, has given a warning that East Timor is not ready for independence and will need a transitional period of ten to 15 years to break away from Indonesia. John Howard, the Australian Prime Minis-ter, has been condemned by supporters of East Timor for publicly opposing independence for the territory on the grounds that it could lead to violence and leave Australia with a massive bill for foreign aid. (AP)

Leader escapes death

Tashkent: Uzbekistan's President Karimov, right, said "dark forces" tried to assassinate him with up to eight car bomb blasts near govern-ment headquarters that killed at least nine people and wounded 15. He vowed to chop off the hands of the culprits. There were reports that some people had been detained and hints that Muslim extremists were



Fire hits ski resort

Grenoble: The French Alpine town of Chamonix was hit by fire yesterday, less than a week after 12 people were killed in an avalanche near the ski resort. The fire broke out late on Monday and burnt for most of the night, injuring four firefighters as they battled to contain the blaze in the community centre in the old town. About 50 people were evacuated from their homes. Last Wednesday, an avalanche swept away 17 chalets near the town in the Mont Blanc region. (Reuters)

Taxi taken for a ride

Barcelona: Police arrested a passenger for failing to pay a fare of more than £337 for an eight-hour ride across Spain. The 31-year-old man halled a taxi in the town of Baza, in the southern Granada province, and arranged for it to take him 560 miles northeast to his home in Pineda de Mar, near Barcelona. At the end of the journey, he confessed that he had no money for the fare. (AP)

German fund to aid Nazi victims

German Chancellor, and German big business yesterday announced plans to compensate Nazi Holocaust survivors and about 800,000 Eastern Europeans who worked as slave labourers in Hitler's Third Reich (Tony Paterson writes).

The project, entitled Founda-

ness; was unveiled after a meeting of business leaders and Herr Schröder in Bonn and is backed by 17 banks and firms including Deutsche Bank Krupp and Volkswagen. But officials refused to specify how much would be available for compensation.

Berlin: Gerhard Schröder, the tion Initiative of German Busi- Herr Schröder said the fund would create a foundation to counter legal claims, especially class action suits in the US.

The issue was brought to a head earlier this month following disclosures that Deutsche Bank co-financed the building of the notorious Nazi death camp at Auschwitz.

Yeltsin accused of oil deal scandal

FROM ALICE LAGNADO IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA has been hit by another corruption scandal after a liberal MP accused President Yeltsin's family of turning a blind eye to the transfer of millions of dollars out of one of its republics.

Yuri Shchekochikhin, the MP, wrote in the Novaya Gazeta newspaper, where he is deputy editor, that the Government of the northern republic of Komi had moved \$10 million (£6.1 million) to an account in Luxembourg with plans to move up to \$21 million over a number of years.

He also said that a com-pany which had close links to Mr. Yeltsin bought a controlling interest in a Komi oil company after putting pressure on the Danish owners of the shares to sell. Some of the profits from sales of Komi's oil, which rightly should go back to the region, have thus disap-

peared into private hands.
According to Mr Shchekochikhin, the Yeltsin family is implicated in the oil deal and that is why the Government has not prevented Komi offi-cials moving the money. The Central Bank said it

could neither confirm nor deny that it approved the deal. The scandal broke only days after the former head of the Russian Central Bank admitted moving millions of pounds of currency reserves to an account in Jersey. No further details have emerged since the initial news of the "scam", which could prove the worst of post-Soviet shocks.

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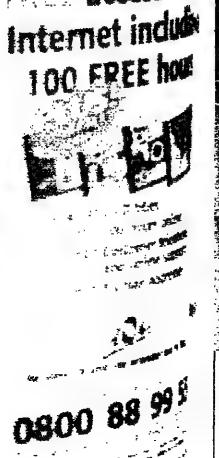
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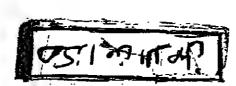
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Map of Canada is redrawn by a land where polar bear is king

Canadian North, voters have turned out on foot, skis and snowmobiles in an election to create the country's first new regional assembly for half a

The territory of Nunavut, stretching from the northern shores of Hudson Bay to the arctic wastes of Ellesmere Island, is twice the size of Ontario, but with a population of just 25,000 - 85 per cent of which is Inuit.

Their new representatives have almost no political experiVictory for Inuits has created a vast Iquitoit on Frobisher Bay.
There, on April 1, Nunavut new territory, writes Giles Whittell

era in the governance of North America's native peoples.

Nunavut stretches across three time zones, but does not have a single road outside its 26 isolated communities. With 22 per cent unemployment and a suicide rate six times the national average, its social problems have defeated the Canadian federal Government

for decades and present the

world's youngest regional de-

mocracy with a stern challenge. Nonetheless, optimism reigned yesterday.

"It's going to be lots of fun, and lots of work," said Jobie Nutarak, an airport maintenance worker and newly elected representative for Pond Inlet, on the northern shore of Baffin Island. He and 19 others, most of them inuits, will: meet in a new assembly building in the territorial capital of

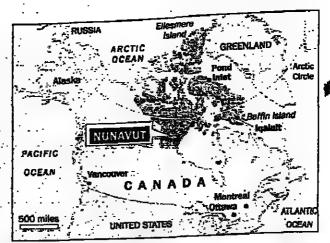
will separate from the Northwest Territories, of which it has been the impoverished half since Canada devoted its energies to the mineral-rich west at the turn of the century.

"As part of the Northwest Territories, the specific needs of Inuits in Nunavut weren't recognised," Annette Bourgeois, of the Nunatsiaq News in Iqaluit, told The Times. "In the west they have roads and mines. Now the Nunavut representatives will be able to fopolar bears often outnumber voters, was a triumph for Imuit activists who have been pressing the Government with ancestral land claims since the 1970s. But it was a victory for no particular party, since none of the 71 candidates pledged allegiance to any.

Among the first duties of the 19 winners, who include a truck driver, a hunter and sevelection of a Cabinet and regional premier from among their number. Goo Arlooktoo, a former justice minister of the

day's election, in a land where Northwest Territories and favourite for the post of premier, was defeated in the only major upset of the voting. He showed gruff respect for the will of the electorate, which numbers barely 12,000 because half of Nunavur's population is too young to vote. The people are the bosses. They are always right, and we will have to live

with it," he said. Nunavur's rise to territorial status, eclipsed in the head-lines by Quebec's Frenchspeakers, could prove a test case for the future map of



Jury hears of Texan's hate-filled tattoos

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN JASPER, TEXAS

SHORTLY after his arrival at the rural back-road where a decapitated body had been discovered by local people on their way to church, the Jasper County sheriff, Billy Rowles, found a piece of evidence that revealed just what it was that he was dealing with. "Once we looked at the KKK emblem on the cigarette-lighter we really started having some bad thoughts," he said.

A packed courthouse in this small east Texas town heard yesterday that the lighter be-longed to John William "Bill" King, a white supremacist "full of hate" who pleaded not guilty to charges of kidnap-ping and murdering James Byrd because he was black.

in a case that has reawakened fears over extreme racism in the South, Mr King, 24, and his friends, Lawrence Brewer, 31, and Shawn Berry, 24, are accused of delivering a ferocious beating to Mr Byrd and then chaining him to the back of a pick-up truck and dragging him along a rough

The pick-up is the favourite means of transport in this logging country, but there was still astonishment when Mr King was delivered to the county courthouse in a vehicle similar to the one in which he had been early on June 7 last year.

He was wearing a bullet-proof jacket as he was led through a cordon of police. He also wears a stun belt capable of delivering a 50,000-volt shock if he misbehaves.

It was not possible to see the racist tattoos which cover his

body, but the prosecutor, Guy Gray, said that they include swastikas, a man in a hood, a black man being lynched and the word Satan.

This is a young man filled with hate. These are the kind of tattoos that will reflect and tell you the deep-seated anger and hatred that this man has."

Mr King had drafted a constitution and membership literature for a "hate group" he in-tended to found in Jasper called the Texas Rebel Soldiers Division of the Confederate Knights of America, "King needed to do something dramatic to ... gain respect for his new gang and to attract new members," said Mr Gray.

Mr Byrd was identified, the prosecutor said, by his fingerprints, and a post-mortem examination showed that he had been alive when the dragging began. Markings were absent from parts of his face and head but his elbows were torn to shreds. Mr Gray said that forensic tests found Mr Byrd's blood on the wheels of Mr Bershoes belonging to all three of the accused

The sheriff, Mr Rowles, said that when he arrived at the scene he thought Mr Byrd had been killed accidentally by being knocked down and caught underneath the truck.

brown trail on the road he noticed that it often ran on either side of the tyre tracks, indicating that the body had been dragged, swinging from side to side behind, not under, the truck. "I knew we were in trou-



Aids researchers have designs on Oscar outfits

THE Bob Mackie dress worn by Cher in 1972; the violet gown dyed by the costume mistress Edith Head to match Elisabeth Taylor's eyes in 1969; the lavender strapless vision that transformed Uma Thurman in 1994 ... they're all on show in the windows of Barney's - Manhattan's desperately chic department

blacker, but the gowns are there for good reason. On March 18, Christie's New York is auctioning 55 Oscar Awards dresses to raise money for the American Foundation for Aids Research. The gowns will be on public view But when he examined the at Christie's in London next Tuesday and Wednesday and in Los Angeles from February

26 to March I. The brainchild of the actress Natasha Richardson, whose father Tony Richard-son died of Aids, the auction was inspired by the sale of Stars are donating their gowns for auction, Lisa Armstrong writes

owns from the collection of Patrick Marber which opens Diana, Princess of Wales.

"I thought, good on you at least all those dresses aren't going to waste," she said. then I thought of all incredible dresses which are created each year of which are too special to be discarded but which will nev-

er be worn again. "I'm not a spokesperson, I'm an actress, that's what I'm comfortable being. But my dad died of Alds and I want to do whatever I can to help." Collecting 55 Oscar Awards

dresses from five decades and five continents was a tougher task than envisioned — Richardson was just finishing the award-winning off-Broadway version of Cabaret and beginning rehearsals for Closer, the by the British writer

on Broadway later this So she enlisted the help of Anna Wintour, the editor-inchief of American Vogue, for whom "designer doors seem

to mysteriously open". setbacks. The pair had only three months to pull everything together, and some of the dresses had mysteriously disappeared. "Everyone was very keen to be involved." Richardson said. "One of the first to say yes was Emma Thompson, who volunteered the American with the control of the first part of the first par

the Armani suit she wore to the Oscars in 1995 - and the shoes, the bag and the stole. Uma Thurman got back pretty quickly too, but then she wasn't sure where she'd misplaced her gown. You imagine all these beautiful dresses would be meticulously cata logued, but that isn't always the case. Some go back to the designers, Joanne Woodward had already donated her dress to a museum and Ali MacGraw lost hers when her house burnt down."

The dresses were not al-ways in pristine condition. "Oscar night is a long one someone nearly always steps on your train or something ed a little renovating," said Richardson, who has not donated her own Oscar outfit, a black Donna Karan that she wore to accompany Llam Neeson when he was nominated for Schindler's List.

No one is predicting how much the auction will raise, but the Barney's window display on Madison Avenue is creating a storm. Simon Doonan, the store's window-dresser said: "Women are going beserk when the walk past they're practically foaming at the mouth."



Emma Thompson, left, and Kristin Scott-Thomas have offered the dresses they wore on Oscar night

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Antiques dealers in grave thefts inquiry

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

NEW ORLEANS police have antiques dealers who sold the arrested members of a ring suspected of stealing more worth an estimated \$1 million (£613,000) from tombs belong-ing to some of the city's wealth-

The investigation began when police traced the owner of a suspicious van spotted by a groundsman at Lake Lawn Metairies Cemetery. At the same time a former New Orleans resident noticed what ap-peared to be fragments of cemeteries from his home city on sale in Los Angeles shops. The police investigation has mplicated several respected

ly began ordering more lucrative ornaments, even giving the thieves art history lessons. At least four prominent antique dealers were arrested after cemetery artefacts were discovered in their homes. All have been released pending a lengthy investigation, and have said they did not know the items had been stolen.

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stolen goods to wealthy collec-tors of graveyard Gothic in

Los Angeles. The police say the theft began with a small group of heroin addicts who stole minor items from the

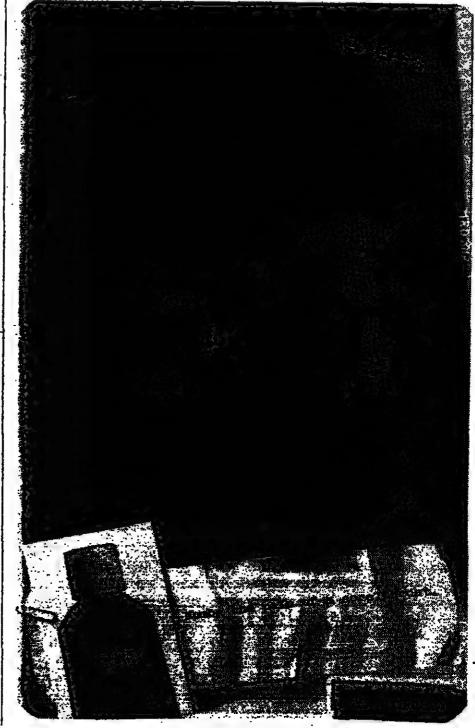
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Dirty-linen divorces soil us all

In the crowded kiss-and-sell market, Celia Brayfield roots for errant spouses

nd now, the ultimate threat. In her battle for a £30 million divorce settlement from Mick Jagger, Jerry Hall has faxed to his lawyers Jerry Hall has taxed to his lawyers a menu of the damaging personal recollections of their years together which she would be prepared to publish in a book if he doesn't agree to her demands. This was in response to the opening round fired the Japoner's lawyers, who alleged by Jagger's lawyers, who alleged that the couple had never been

properly married anyway because they fied the knot on a beach in Bali.

I think we understand that a woman could be irritated by a claim like that particularly a woman like Jerry Hall, who has endured more than 20 years with Jagger, has four children by him, and comes from Texas with its cultural heritage of shooting first and asking questions later. So we, the curious millions settling down to watch this real-life celebrity death-match, were expecting a feisty response: perhaps the reasonable sugges-

tion that if the mar- Luciana Giminez Morad pened, neither did any or all

alleged prenuptial agreements. Reasonable is not the Texan way. They don't appreciate niceties in the Lone Star State, they like to get down to business. Hall's threat of public exposure has brushed aside the traditional rules of disengagement and moved her divorce negotiations on to a new level.

This strategy is not just another demonstration of celebrity excess. Far from the world of supermodels and rock stars, wronged wives — in consultation with their lawyers are realising that they now have a new weapon: public shame. Where appeals to a man's feelings for his children or his sense of justice have complains: "I've been gagged!"

failed, the threat of public humilia-tion can succeed beyond the lawyers' wildest dreams,

I know just such a woman, who recently agreed a handsome divorce settlement with the aid of one small tabloid exposé and a half-completed novel. This was not her intention. She started the book in sheer despair in an effort to write out the pain of being abandoned first by her husband, after more than 20 years of marriage, and then by his married boss, who

moved in when the husband left, inexplicably claiming that a doomed affair with him was just what she needed to make her feel better.

These people are not in the Jagger class, and the tabloid exposé was tiny, but it gave the boss the excuse to end the affair. The woman, a writer normally occupied with scholarly works of history, was left with no consolation other than her children and her keyboard. Fictionalising her trau-ma turned out to be

good therapy, if hardly a good career move, since her agent could not have shown less interest in the book if it had been a day-old corpse. However, the children read a few incriminating pages and carried lurid reports of them to their father. The terrified ex-partner, visualising his career and reputation in ruins, flailed to the court to make her an offer far higher than that expected by the lawyers - on condition that

she reveal nothing to anyone.

The stunned briefs advised her to take the money, bin the novel, zip her lip and live comfortably ever after. Now she goes to dinner par-ties with a Cheshire-cat smile and, when asked how the book is going.



Jerry Hall has returned fire in her divorce battle with Mick Jagger by sending his lawyers a list of things that she will reveal in a book if he doesn't agree to her demands

We can blame the lawyers. Jerry Hall is believed to have consulted Mishcon de Reya, the firm who acted for Diana, Princess of Wales, in her divorce. They presumably have a unique understanding of modern public life. We can blame the tabloids because the gossip industry is proliferating like genetically modified bindweed, strangling decent journalism in its quest for sensation.

We can blame our own prurience which creates the market for that industry. And we can blame Margaret Cook, who has certainly raised the stakes for wronged wives everywhere. Opening her heart to a worn-en's magazine this week, Mrs Cook said that she regretted the book in which she underlined the sad truth that no man is a hero to his ex-wife.

Perhaps she also regrets not selling her silence at a higher price.

Did you notice every man of divorceable status shiver in terror on reading her self-righteous revela-tion that her husband Robin, the Foreign Secretary, once passed out drunk on the dining-room floor dur-ing an election? This looked terrible as a tabloid headline but, when put in perspective, it isn't so bad. To get blind drunk and pass out once in a lifetime, and especially during a period of career stress, is well within

acceptable limits of human frailty. Long ago, a revelation like this would have been called "washing the family's dirty linen in public" and nobody would have taken much notice. A famous man's exwife was simply cut out of his Who's Who entry and ignored. She

was written off as vindictive and female, and therefore a bad witness. Her claims of violence, drunkenness, lechery and bad behaviour were disregarded. Women of consequence such as Mrs Cook and Mrs Jagger, a distinguished doctor and supermodel respectively, can't be treated like that.

Wives witness more than slobbish behaviour about the house. They hear the sleep-talk and the covert phone conversations. They know where the offshore bank accounts are located. Kiss-and-sell divorce strategy means that the discretion which our mothers considered part of their own self-respect now looks soft. Post-girl-power, the wife who keeps silent when she has bad father, but his older children are already giving their own interdamaging information will be the one who is forgotten.

Trust is no longer the cornerstone of a celebrity marriage, which means that the lonely condition of fame has worsened. Everyone in public life is now vulnerable. The toy boy or trophy wife will soon be able to give up personal grooming and plastic surgery for the cheaper option of keeping a diary, Back to the Jaggers. When you think about it, only a Texan would

threaten to embarrass the big daddy of all bad-boy rock stars. What could she say, really? That his Satanic Majesty's favourite drink is Horlicks and that he never really took any drugs? She could claim that he was a

views on that score. If she claims he

is a "bedroom flop" then half a doz-

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So Mick Jagger doesn't like paying tax, has been polite to his interior decorator and Keith Richards can beat him at tennis. Big deal. Where celebrity marriage leads, ordinary marriage will follow. Marriage without trust is nothing. I find myself suddenly on the side of a straying husband. I hope he calls her bluff — not because I want to see a new genre of autobiography, but because I think it will be best for

us all if this unsavoury new market

collapses as fast as it has appeared.

en Brazilian beauties will loll

around the front pages in Victoria's

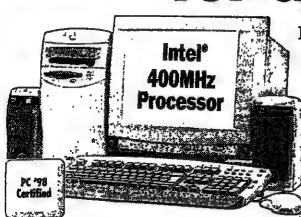
Secret knickers suggesting it was

all their fault. One Brazilian model,

Luciana Giminez Morad, currently claims to be pregnant by Jagger. Ai-ter several decades of fame, we

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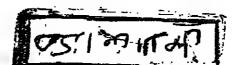
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A heart to beat all odds

A surgeon and Nasa have created an electric heart, reports Anjana Ahuja

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he human heart is an extraordinary organ. During its lifetime, it pumps enough blood around the body to fill the Albert Hall. It adjusts its beating automatically, according to its owner's needs, And, of course, without a function-

ing heart, a person ceases to exist. This truism, and the fact that heart disease is the number one killer in the West, has made cardiovascular research one of the most competitive medical disciplines and turned its pioneers into celebrities.

Foremost among them is 90-year-old Dr Michael DeBakey, the heart surgeon at present tending Boris Yeltsin, the Russian President. Known as the Texas Tornado, DeBakey

developed the world's first artificial artery on his wife's sewing machine. Age has been no bar to progress — his hand is said to be as steady now as it was 60 years ago. Now he has scored another triumph — in a ground-breakin<u>u</u> series of operations six patients with failing hearts have been implanted with a tiny pump created by De-Bakey and Nasa.

DeBakey's work means that patients who would otherwise die waiting for a transplant (there is a shortage of donated hearts) can have their own ailing hearts propped up permanently by the pump. Unlike past devices, the De-Bakey pumps are unobtrusive, quiet and small enough to implant in children — and there is evidence that, by allowing the heart to "rest", the implant can help it to make a

full recovery from some diseases. The quest to create an artificial heart, featured in a Horizon documentary tomorrow, began in the Sixties after DeBakey developed a device to help the heart to pump blood. Called a left ventricular lor College in Houston). assist device (LVAD), this pump,

which supported the main pumping chamber of the heart, led surgeons to wonder if they could design a device that would not just assist the heart but replace it.
With so much at stake, the race to

build a surrogate heart became mired in controversy. DeBakey was then at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and, because he performed the world's first implantation of an LVAD in 1966, already a leading heart specialist. He knew that a junior colleague had tested a primitive artificial heart in cows with mixed success: Dr Denton Cooley (he performed the first heart transplant in

America, a year after Professor Christiaan Barnard in South Africa) was keen to try it on human be-The race to ings but knew that the experimental record with animals would lead to his senlors' disapproval. In 1969 Cooley made

history by placing the first patient in the world on an artificial heart. It was intended to keep the patient alive long enough for a donor heart to be found. The days after the operation. DeBakey was in Washington at the time; the first he knew about it, he

newspapers. He was shocked. "Cooley violated the rules," De-Bakey says. "He did not have authorisation for that operation." Cooley retaliated by saying his colleague was bitter about not performing such an historic operation himself, but resigned anyway. The two men have not spoken since, despite living and working in the same city (Cooley went on to found the Texas Heart Institute in Houston; DeBakey now directs the De-Bakey Heart Centre, attached to the Methodist Hospital, and Bay-

Cooley has gone on to become a quality of life that he experienced Bakey Heart Centre was David pumps. While the screw is turning,



Pioneer's long quest: Dr Michael DeBakey, the heart surgeon, with, left, his 30-year-old prototype heart pump and his latest miniature heart, developed with help from Nasa savs, was when he read of it in the

world-famous heart specialist, and is credited with developing tech-niques to repair heart valves. During the next 20 years, the competition to create a substitute heart be-came more intense. The most important rival to Cooley and De-Bakev was Dr Robert Jarvik, a former engineer who was inspired to be a heart specialist after his father was operated on by DeBakey. In 1982 he teamed up with De-Bakey to implant one of his designs in Barney Clarke, who survived for several months. However, the poor

prompted a rethink - Clarke was proof that the race to replace the heart was not an unqualified success. Patients were still dying before organs became available and, by the Nineties, such operations were difficult to justify medically and ethically. Jarvik and De-Bakey, now working separately, returned to looking at assist devices

rather than replacements.

Thanks to luck, DeBakey may yet be able to pull ahead of his com-petitor. One of the patients waiting for a heart transplant at the De-

Saucier, an engineer for Nasa. Saucier put DeBakey in touch with space engineers, who advised a rad-ically different approach. While oth-er teams were trying to design as-sist devices that would mimic the beart. Nasa engineers realised that. as long as it could pump ten litres of blood a minute without damaging blood vessels, their machine needn't use the same pulsating

action as the human heart. Nasa and DeBakey came up with a screw design based on technoiogy

liquid is drawn in one end and pushed out the other. Supercomputers belied designers to come up with a rotation speed (10,000 revolu-tions per minute) that would ensure that enough blood could be pumped without damaging blood

The device, the size of a fountain pen, is powered by a battery pack worn around the waist. The wire, which links the heart to the pack. comes out through the abdomen. This is the first axial flow pump to used in Space Shuttle fuel – be used in heart dahents. DeBakey is now working on a ful- _methodisthealth.com

the rest will pull through but so far they have been able to live a relatively normal life. · Horizon: Electric Heart, tomor-

ly implantable version. On Novem-

ber 13 last year, at the German Heart Institute in Berlin, the pump

was inserted in a male patient. Five other patients also benefited. One

has since died of an unrelated com-

plication and another has had the

device removed because his heart

improved. Time will tell whether

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Source of the Flood In search of

THIS summer scientists plan to investigate a claim that the Black Sea was the source of Noah's Flood. The theory goes that rising waters 7,500 years ago drove thousands of people from the Middle East into Europe, inspiring both the biblical story and a Babylonian poem, the

Epic of Gilgamesh.

The belief that these stories might have been inspired by a real event originated late in 1997 from two oceanographers, Dr William Ryan and Dr Walter Pitman of La-mont-Doherty Earth Observatory in Palisades. New York. Sediment cores they had taken suggested that around 5,500 BC, rising waters in the Mediterranean surged through the Bosphorus and swept into the Black Sea, until then a freshwater lake. The wa-

merged. Dr Pitman told Science: "Did it cause a diaspora? We can only speculate." That question might be answered if remains of settlements could be found under the water. A sonar study last summer revealed shapes that, in the words of the expedition co-leader Dr

ters rose by 15cm a day until the sea had risen

by ISOm and land the size of Florida was sub-

David Mindell of Massachusens Institute of Technology, were "too large for a shipwreck and too shaped not to be man-made". Rechnology, were "too large for a shipwreck ble story. Short of finding pairs of animal skele-tons to be man-made".

This summer's bigger expedition will include of proving the truth of Noah's Ark.



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

scientists from MIT, the University of Pennsylvania, the Archaeological Museum in Sinop, Turkey, and Dr Robert Ballard, who found the Titanic wreck. The aim is to do more detailed sonar studies and, if these show the remains of settlements, sediment coring and magnetometry will be used to date them.
The study is part of a larger col-

laboration between Dr Ballard and Dr Fredrik Hiebert, a University of Pennsylvania archaeologist, who are looking for a deep-sea trade route between Sinop and ports on the north of the Black Sea. The project also marks the open-

ing to archaeology of really deep wa-ter. At a conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts, last month, Robert Grenier a Canadian archaeologist, said that un-derwater archaeology was possed to make a great leap. Studies of the trade routes in the

Black Sea, the waters around Crete or off Alexandria, could find sunken vessels that would rewrite the history of navigation.

Of course, whatever the expedition finds cannot prove the Noah story. All it can show is that

there was a flood which swamped existing settlements, and might have formed the basis of the Bi-

> this week's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a team led by Dr David DeGusta, of the University of

California at Berkeley, reports that of 30 non-human primates, half of them have hy-

poglossal canals as large as hu-

mans. So do some ancient hu-

man ancestors, including Aus-

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Agency (DERA) is throwing its the British bobsleigh team. which is already among the world's top five. Until now, the team has used bobsleighs bought as a standard item from a German manufactur-

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built sleigh, which has given it a clear edge.

We think we can definitely improve the performance of the British bobsleigh," says Jon Payne, one of the DERA team. "It isn't very high-tech

er, while the all-conquering

German team uses a purpose-

at the moment" There are limits to what can be done: suspension, for example, which would greatly improve cornering power, is banned under the rules. But that still leaves plenty of options, from new materials to aerodynamics and ergonomics, to shave off the few frac-

tions of a second needed.

One definite plan is to instrument the sleigh during trials to get a true idea of what determines its performance. Until now, only video taping has been used, and that has limitations. Apart from that, the team is cycing the back runners, the area of the nose. and the centre of gravity as areas for improvement. Ergonomically, changing the length and height of the handles for the sprint start could help. But if any of these ideas are to be put into practice, the team needs a sponsor in time for the World Cup next year.

Apes can no longer speak in tongues



THALS. long envisaged as heavy-browed hezvy-proweu apenien whose k n u c k l e s

scraped the ground, have enjoyed a better press recently. in April last year, a team from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, even suggested that they might have been able to talk. The conclusion came from a study of the hy-poglossal canal, a hole at the

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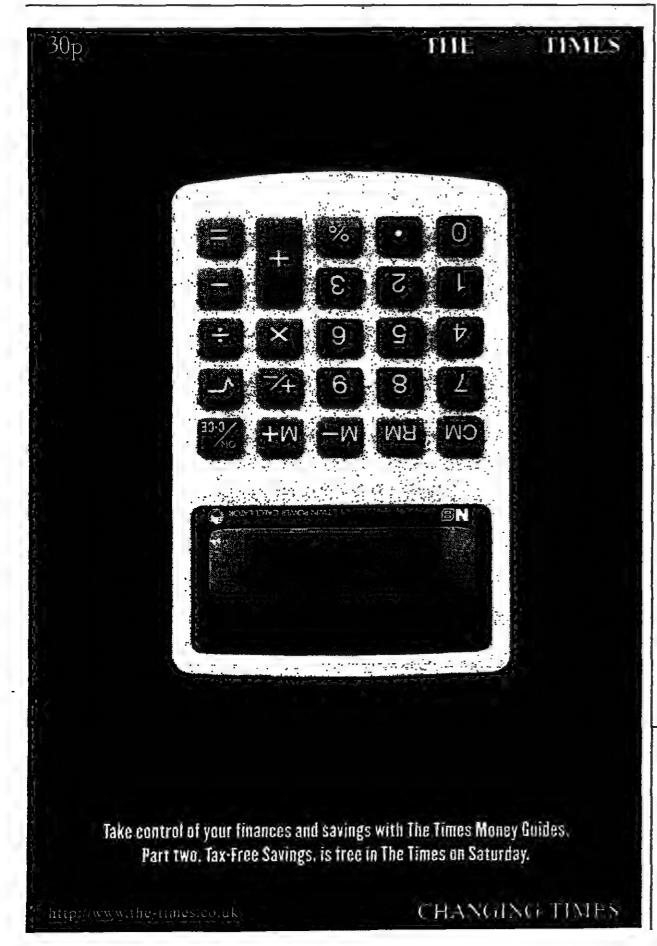
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How not to raise a little tyrant



In the first extract Saying From her new book child psychotherapist Asha Phillips explains why saying no is so ertreate anto advisely DANCHIS TO SELECTION mats for children

am often asked whether being a child psy-chotherapist helps me as a parent. I usual-ly reply, rather embarrassedly, that it doesn't really. The question seems to carry the implication that if you know quite a hit about children, their emotions and development, then automatically you become a good parent. The fantasy may be that you could be Supermum with the guidebook for successful child-rearing.

I am happy to admit that, like all parents, I feel that I am struggling to do what is best for my children and probably get it wrong much of the time. Then there is the fact that practising psychotherapy is very hard work. It is a particular way of looking at the world and having conversations that demand much concentration. focus and unbiased emotional availability not a frame of mind that you can provide all the time. Finally, of course, a psychotherapist needs to be as open, huid and clear-thinking as possible; we all know that when it comes to our families, we are often blind to what is obvious to everybody else.

Having said this, however, it is true that part of my training and experience enters

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the frame when I am trying to puzzle out problems, or to understand why we behave as we do at home. Sometimes this is helpful, but not always. I often see what is going awry but am at a loss how to change. For instance, my friends and I frequently discuss how hard we find it to be firm with our children without feeling mean. Even when we know that a limit is useful, we have difficulty sticking to it. Why is that so? More generally, why do we persist in doing things that we know are counterproductive? These questions preoccupy me and the book is a result of my attempt to answer some of them.

Just as an architect may be more sensitive to structure and line, or a barrister may have a preference for coherence, logic and consistency, one of the advantages of psychotherapeutic training is that it helps you to see patterns and links. Things that seem to occur for no reason acquire a meaning. When I worked in a hospital, I saw a succession of children whose very different symptoms all related to having no boundaries set for them. I felt a little like the person who looks at an optical illusion, perceiving shapeless forms and suddenly "getting it" - see-

ing the picture. All these people with distinct problems seemed to have something in common. The dramatic illustration of this came with a little boy, ic constipation, who eventually needed an intervention under general anaesthetic to clear him. When I met him with his mother, it became clear that he was a child who totally dominated his household and whose parents could not take a firm stand with him or bear his protest and resistance.

In our work together, the focus was on helping his mother to put up with his anger and to stick to sensible limits. I had to support her image of herself as a good mother in the face of his-

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fury. He got better and was saved from the pros-pect of regular interventions as well as high daily doses of medication. This was a turning

It struck me that such an ordinary thing as being able to say "no" carried in it the key to so much that is necessary for healthy development. This may seem obvious, yet when I look around me at my patients, my friends, my family and the world at large. I notice that it is ly and the world at large, I notice that it is not an idea to be taken for granted. I read in the press recently about a two-year-old who plays on his computer all day and whose parents say that he has terrible tantrums if he is asked to sit down and eat with them; food has to be taken to his room so that he may carry on playing. This is clearly excessive but, in smaller ways, many of us tend to accommodate our lives to avoid

This may be linked to our being a generation who formed our philosophy of life during or in the aftermath of the 1960s. The emphasis on personal growth and freedom, on respect for individuality and self-determination, may have influenced us into becoming parents who are re-luctant to set rules or to experience

ourselves as rigid in any way. We also live in far greater isolation than previous generations. The role of the extended family and the community at large is greatly dimin-ished. It is therefore left very much to parents to set the limits, and this makes for more intensity in their relationship with their children. The feelings stirred up are therefore harder to deal with. It certainly seems to be a shared difficulty and one that is very much of our time. As I spoke of writing this book, so many people said "Oh dear, I need it", or "I wish I'd had a book like that when my kids were small". I think,

to be truthful, that I needed it too - so I decided that, since it did not exist yet. I might as well There has been much written about the bene-

fits of saying yes, of praise and encouragement. I endorse most of that stance. What I am hoping to add to the debate about child-rearing is the value of boundaries, the question of balance. The thought that "saying no is useful" is a thread that runs throughout life. It is a framework rather than a set of strict guidelines to fol-

I do not expect people to read my book and then go on instantly to apply a ten-point plan. I hope that it will help parents to look at themselves and their children and to work out what present-day issues of children sleeping in your bed, dealing with crying, eating difficulties: manners, discipline and more may have very different solutions in different families. I show some common patterns that we fall into as parents and offer ways of thinking about them.

Advice and guidance can be very helpful, but ultimately solutions that work are found for oneself. Nobody knows you or your child as you do. and my book attempts to support and help parents to trust their judgment.



"When we reach for quick solutions to a baby's discomfort, we may do what seems right to us, not what is right for him"

There is no such thing as a perfect parent. The idea that one could see to a child's every need and spare him every pain would, in fact, lead to an unhappy and maladapted child. It would not prepare him for life in a world inhabited by others; initially it would be a magic kingdom where he was king, but in time it would

turn into a very lonely place. Babies need to be seen, heard and responded to in order to thrive. But one of the fine lines to be drawn is when it is all right to start saying "no". I am reminded of baby first two years of his life. His mother was very attentive and thoughtful, she seemed always to know what he wanted and often anticipated his needs. At the time. I thought that she must be the ideal mother.

When Jim was 11 months old and not yet walking, he loved to hold on to his mother and, with her help, "climb" up and down the stairs. She would hold his hands and he would launch himself up with no regard for his mother bending over to support him. He would demand this activity for long periods of time, and she seemed unable to make a stand about when to stop. She became exhausted, he grew ruthless and tyrannical.

By saying no. this mother would have given Jim an idea of what he could manage by himself, as well as of what she could manage easily and what this activity cost her. Her reluctance to stand up to him en-couraged him to become a little despot. This then percolated into their relationship gen-erally — the mother felt bullied and helpless, while Jim

was cross and demanding. Saying no communicates that you are a separate being. The beginnings of being on your own, of separateness, are very important. In the early days, a buby's capacity to manage on his own is very limited. With a parent who responds very quickly to any cry or communication, the baby may well believe that he is not separate at all. He feels alarmed calls out and there is his father's or mother's face smiling at him over the cot. If this happens every time, the baby may gain no sense that the parents have a life of their own. Real connection with others involves frustration, struggle

and hate as well as comfort,

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harmony and love. Response to a baby's communication gives him the feeling that he exists and is real. A little space between his communication and a response starts to give him an idea that he is part of a greater world. The length of time spent waiting is where judgment comes in.

Very often, a baby just starts to make a sound and someone

picks him up and takes action - a change of nappy, a feed, the offer of a toy. In trying to be the perfect parents, we sometimes interpret too early before he has had time to taste his own feelings.

The idea of a gap between whimper and response is crucial to development. By placing a baby in his cot and soothing him into it, the mother is

showing him that it is safe for him to sleep in. By then allowing him to grizzle, she is hearing his complaint but holding on to what she knows he needs rest. By doing this consistently, she emphasises that he will be all right in his cot and strengthens his sense of self.

If a baby is picked up as soon as he stirs and starts to emerge from his sleep, he will have missed a chance of learning that he can explore his surroundings and make some-

thing of this experience by him-self. This brief moment carries in it the seeds of independence and self-confidence.

Sometimes, when we reach for quick solutions to a baby's discomfort, we do what seems right to us, not necessarily what is right for him. Health visitors frequently see parents who immediately offer food as comfort, when at times something else may do - such as talking or singing to the baby, or holding him in your arms. Most people feel helpless in the face of a cry of complaint and want to "make it better" straight away. We often feel that we can achieve this by "doing" something. But when the response to discomfort is always action, a baby learns that only activity makes you feel bet-ter. He becomes easily distressed if left to his own devices

and cannot entertain himself. If you instantly fill a gap, it is usually with something fa-miliar, It does not permit creativity or the emergence of the new. This can have repercussions in the "I'm bored" syndrome of children of primary school age, and makes it hard for the child to linger, to ponder, to explore, instead of restlessly reaching out for action.

hen a distraction is always used as a method of dealing with upset, you are saying, in an indirect way, that complaining is unacceptable or even unbearable. But it should be acceptable to have a moan and a groan. Parents may need to learn just to stay with the grumpy baby and offer sympathy. Yes, I know you're feel-ing miserable, we all feel that way sometimes. It's OK, things will improve . . .

By managing a baby's grumpiness, the mother is not just helping him to overcome that particular moment, but is giving him a model of how to deal with difficulties. By tolerating his discomfort, she is saying that this is an acceptable and bearable feeling but that, in the end, it will be all right. Learning to survive problems helps enormously in building up resilience in oneself and faith in others.

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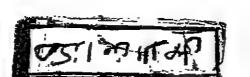
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A Stoic in search of a heart

Hague may have a steely

exterior, but what lies beneath?

aving spent the best part of last week cheek by jowl with William Hague, a privilege normally only accorded to his wife, Flion, and judo partner Seb Coe, I feel better equipped than most journalists to offer an insight into the character of the man who might be our next Prime Minister.

But only slightly better. Mr Hague is a very difficult man to get the measure of. Although I swigged Heineken with him at 30,000ft, followed in his footsteps around Harlem schools and shot the stratospheric breeze with him about Conservative philoso-phy, my conclusions about his character are still, just, provisional. At a time when the personal is increasingly political, and the Prime Minister shares the secrets of his diet with us to win our trust, Mr Hague gives little away. The most striking aspect of

Mr Hague's personality is his serenity. Margaret Thatcher liked to quote Kipling, Mr Hague embodies the stoic virtues of his verse. He treats triumph and disaster with the same, distanced, equanimity. Flicking through the press cuttings the day after his visit to schools in East Harlem he barely berrayed a flicker of either pleasure or annoyance, however favourable or critical the coverage. One of his aides was more than a little irritated

by The Guardian's coverage of the school trip, with its affected surprise that none of the Harlem schoolchiidren was familiar with the Tory leader's achievements: "Never mind how many eight-year-olds in Harlem have never heard of William, how many of have ever heard of The Guardian?" Mr Hague set the cuttings aside with scarcely a mur-

mur and returned to his sandwiches. Whether buffeted by the press, or typhoon-level turbuence over Virginia, the Tory leader remained imperturbable. Remarking on Mr Hague's calmness at the storm's centre, I was told by one of the team that his impassiveness was a constant: On the day of the greatest reverse to strike his leadership, the unveiling of the plot between Viscount Cranborne and Tony Blair, Mr Hague was informed of the treachery by a stuttering Shadow Cabinet colleague. The unfortunate MP, who clearly felt like a Wehrmacht staff officer stumbling into the Führerbunker after von Stauffenberg's bomb had gone off, was met with studied calmness. "I suppose I'd better sack him, then," remarked Mr Hague, before resuming another progress through the sandwich tray.

This adamantine core might be considered a political asset. if a barrier to personal intimacy. But, curiously, it seems no impediment to a successful relationship with his wife. I lear, however, it may prove an ubstacle in Mr Hague's wooing of the electorate.

The Tory leader has been criticised for not making more of his wife as an electoral asset, generally by those who have not always shown a tender interest in the party's fortunes. The motive behind

many of these criticisms has not been hard to detect. By marrying late, without any hint of a rake's progress to the altar. Mr Hague has been the object of a malicious whispering campaign. During the 1997 leadership campaign members of John Redwood's campaign team took lubricious pleasure in sneering at the "bachelor boys" around

Observing the Hagues to gether, however, I was struck by the unforced pleasure they took in each other's company. When Mr Hague was addressing a Dallas press conference my eyes wandered to the side of the room where Filon stood. her eyes fixed on her husband with an indulgent pride. On the flight back from Dallas, Fifon gently massaged the Tory leader's shoulders before settling into the seat opposite, and coiling her calves around his. While in Texas, Mr Hague's wife was anxious to steal away from one meeting, but her inattention to political duty was motivated by her need to grab a bottle of her husband's favourite stressrelieving bath soak from its

American stockist. The Tory leader's capacity to keep any hint of his job's stresses restricted to the bathroom is perhaps a factor in his appeal as a husband. Stoicism may be an unfashionable virtue, its eclipse mourned by

Tom Wolfe in the pages of A Man in Full, but it is close to the core of what we mean by masculinity. I suspect that the protective arm, and unfurrowed brow. the qualities which we were once unafraid to call manly, are more attractive to many womon than the feeble emoting of the New Man. Fiion

certainly seems to think so. RITI GOES THE ELECTOTATES W Hague seems himself to sense that stoicism is not enough. He went to the United States looking for the secret of "compassionate conservatism". He travelled to the home of George Bush Jr. the vote-winning wizard of Austin, like the Tin Man looking for a heart. And although his emphasis on education and his new "values

aking soundings after Mr Hague spoke in Washington, I found the audience impressed by his intellect but incapable of dis-cerning the music of his soul. Mr Hague is an accomplished but his style is Classical, not

agenda" sounds as thought it

might be the missing organ, it

still seems curiously bloodless.

The ersatz emoting of Tony Blair soon grates. Tories may consider that their hearts are not designed for easy display on their sleeves. But Mr Hague's own recognition that the Tories can no longer win as "the economics party", the intuition that took him in his private jet to Texas, requires more from him than the stern virtues of the Stoic. In an emotionally literate age persuasion is more than a matter of logic. For compassionate conservatism to make sense, it must have passion at its heart.

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Police under the cosh

longer. The excitement is building. Every day another detail is leaked. This week the Home Secretary gets his charges bloom the control of th his chance. Next week comes the full, exhilarating burst of self-right-eousness. It is the publication of the Macpherson report into the police's handling of the Lawrence affair. The world will be in full cry. bloodhounds barking, horns braying, tally-hoing from a view to a kill, or at least from a TV studio to a docudrama. There must be a resignation in it somewhere.

Liberal opinion is offered precious few permits these days to dump on working-class prejudice. The Lawrence inquiry has been one such permit. The issue is race, and race trumps class in the political correctness game. So the dump will be from a great height, such as only the High Court II idge. Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, can attain. The BBC will drown in pomposity. The Guardian will have an orgasm.

who investigated the Lawrence murder. The Metropolitan Police has acknowledged its negligence. Killers got away and damage was done to relations between the police and the local black community. The police did not kill Stephen Law-rence, nor did they wilfully shield his killers, though in the present hysteria any accusation might seem plausible. But they were startlingly incompetent, and the incompetence of some was cloaked in attitudes

clearly coloured by racial prejudice. So what do we all do? Most of those accused by Macpherson have been retired and a drastic reorganisation of the Met instituted. But that was apparently not enough. Blood was up. Britain is crass at holding public servants to account. As Parliament slithers into somnolent irrelevance and local democracy withers, accountability must find other outlets. The current craze is for gargantuan Inquisitions, such as Scott on arms-for-fraq, Phillips

on BSE, Macpherson on Lawrence. What in the private sector is settled with a sacking and in America with a fierce congressional hearing, in Britain is delegated to lawyers and an attendant pack of salivating journalists. Ministers toss them some malfunction in public administration, and they pick over it at ludicrous length before declaring an auto-da-fé. Hapless individuals are then marched into flames, bemused at

If the Met is singled out for blame, it will revert to prejudice even more

what is usually a disproportionate share of blame heaped on their heads. Ministers are thus exonerated of any responsibility and Parliament goes back to sleep, belching

When a middle-class profession has slipped up, fun is had by all.
Thus it was with Scott's ministers
and the Bristol heart surgeons.
Somehow the accused did not starve. If they were Maxwell auditors, they passed Go and collected £200. They were "one of us". But the

police is a more delicate case. This is still a workingclass profession, treated with the hear no-evil, see-no-evil respect the English used to reserve for their affairs as they like, provided nothing frightens the

horses. Police officers today are like the guardians of young offenders and the mentally ill. They are paid good money to keep society's troubles out of sight. Their work is difficult and often

upleasant. It involves spur-of-the-moment decisions, confronting often unstable people against a backdrop of violence. This requires personal commitment, training and experience, coupled with a responsibility for personal judgment and for maintaining public trust. This is the classic definition of a true profession. Yet this profession is odd. It is one that no middle-class parent yearns for his son or daughter to join. Middle-class offspring may make videos, clean chalets or cook dinners. But not the police, please. As a result, the police are coated in political Tellon, Margaret Thatch-

er showered them with money, which they consumed with little managerial accountability. They can get away, almost, with murder. Their Achilles' Heel is race, for racism is a charge that transcends all others in the liberal demonology. The police can be as tough as they

please - indeed the tougher the better on television - but they must leave behind at the station door the prejudices of their class. Since the most lawless areas of cities tend to be where most blacks live, this is hard. There is racial prejudice in all inner cities. Police should fight against it, but given the conditions in which they work, some prejudice is bound to be endemic.

The Lawrence affair was not just a misjudgment by officers on the beat. The failure to launch a murder

hunt showed a casual attitude to whiteon-black crime that reflected just such endemic prejudice.
As a result, the Met was suddenly vulnerable to accusations that could be widened from the operational to the institutional", and made the excuse for a public and highly charged inquiry. The whole profes-sion of policing has been put under suspicion, though carefully not so as to

implicate its politi-

cal masters. The

Home Secretary's re-

sponsibility for the Met is a classic of "take the credit, avoid the blame". The legal vultures have been summoned. Twenty-three officers, so it is leaked, are to be declared

carrion. Others in the 26,000-strong force may be guilty of far worse crimes. But the new accountability is no respecter of fairness. It merely needs its regular pound of flesh. Last week was Sierra Leone, this week cervical smears. Next week is Get-the-Met week:

For all the necessary reprimands about to be visited on Sir Paul Condon and his force, I find something sickening in well-paid, comfortable, self-regulating professions excoriating as "prejudiced" those who do far tougher jobs, with lower qualifications and far less status. Lawyers submit to no redress beyond losing an occasional case. The worst thing that can happen to a judge is to be over-

turned on appeal. Vocations such as consultancy and journalism chiefly involve criticising those struggling to do an honest job and occasionally failing. We look, Judge, castigate and run. We shall do it again next week. Nobody notices if we are wrong. Nice work if you can get it. and blindingly easy, especially com-pared with policing south London.

corrective to the blame fest of the Lawrence report is Roger Graef's current tele-L vision series on policing black America. He visits what are surely the most violent communities. anywhere in the world outside war zones. In each case — Boston, Texas-and California — these communi-ties finally realised that they could no longer delegate the ghettos to the police and leave them at that. Two armed forces were confronting each other every night, instead, police social workers, prosecutors, teachers, judges, had to get down in the dirt on equal terms and fight their city back to safety. In the front line were still the police, but in professional harness with everyone else. One conclusion I draw from Graef's series is that there is no more sense in isolating the police as a profession than in isolating innercity blacks as a community. Groups thus isolated react defensively. They

fall back on prejudice. The British police are isolated in part because the police remains an "other ranks" profession. Unlike the Army, there is no officer cadre. The reason is that such a cadre would be "class-conscious". It would be inimical to the human skills required for communi-ty policing. This is a strength in some respects, but in others it is a weakness. It holds the police as a freemasonry apart, cursed by "canteen culture", overtime and poor management. Policemen can be inarticulate, and thus politically vulnerable when things go wrong. Things went wrong in the Law-

rence case. As a result the profession is about to have an appalling week. it will be told to hire managers, trainers, consultants and a dozen bureaucracies it does not need. The Home Secretary will treat it with professional contempt, announcing a battery of detailed interventions. The media will outbid themselves in derogatory adjectives. Police morale will be thrown to the wolves. And the rest of us? We shall feel much better and go back to our business.

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BARBARA WALTERS is wooing the Prince of Wales. America's venerable question-popper has been fawning on Mark Bolland, HRH's surprisingly assertive depu-ty private secretary with responsibility for dealing with the press.

The two met at the Prince's 50th birthday party at Hampton Court, and during a visit to New York Bolland was invited by Walters to dine at her home. They so warmed to one another, I am told, that the chatchen hostess is conflident she

chat-show hostess is confident she will soon be able to persuade him to allow an interview.

Enticing the Prince on to her couch would be a coup for Babs because she failed to persuade Diana, Princess of Wales, to chat on screen. But if he agreed, he would be following in the footsteps of Baroness Thatcher, Richard Nixon and Monica Lewinsky.

• CHRIS SMITH seems not to have forgiven Gerald Kaufman for his withering report on the Royal Opera. House. At yesterday's topping-out ceremony in Covent Garden, the Culture Secretary referred inaccurately to the chief of police in Ligeti's Le Grand Macabre as Kaufman.

Hom alone

LIKE the Clintons, the Blairs bave been exploiting their position to invite a celebrity chef round to cook. Last summer Tony and Cherie asked Ken Hom (below) to





their French holiday villa. But the PM was unable to tuck into Hom's stir-fry because he had to leave his missus and three kids to rush back to Omagh after the bombing. So impressed was Cherie with Hom's talents that they visited his imperial City at the weekend for seconds.

 VISCOUNT LINLEY has been signed up by the National Trust to lecture next week on furniture in London. His talk will be illustrated by the work of that noted cabinet-maker, D. Linley.

Blind side

STAR wars have broken out in Salisbury. Patrick Moore, the astronomer, has described as a "con trick" the plan by the Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Rev David Standiffe, to charge tourists £250 each to watch August's eclipse from the cathedral tower.

"Anyone who pays is crazy." says Moore. "The eclipse will not be total in Salisbury. You need to go to Devon or Cornwall." The Chapter House accepts Moore's criticism but says he is missing the point: "We are using eclipse hype to raise money for the cathedral. It will be more fun watching from the top of our tower than in the middle of thousands of people in some field."



PETER PORTER'S argument for OUP to keep him and Dennis Enright, his fellow poet, on its list "It agreed to keep publishing the dead poets. But it should hang on to us because we're nearly dead."

Wall flower

GILLIAN SHEPHARD has complained to the Speaker about ungentlemanly behaviour on her doorstep by Nick Brown and his chums. The Tory daffodil felt she received an "unprecedented insult" from the Agriculture Minister when he and some colleagues turned up for some event in her Norfolk constituency without inviting her. Shephard has asked Betty Boothroyd to look into the suggestions that George Turner, her neighbouring Labour MP, urged the event's organisers to leave her off the guest list

JASPER GERARD

'How long would it be, you wondered, until you sat down to a lunch from which you would rise with 12 fingers'

your heart to forgive me when I confess that, until a moment or two ago, I had not given much thought to genetic modification. I beg that forgiveness because, as a major commentator, I am charged with the duty to have a bit of a think about things on your behalf, sort out their constituent significances. come to a conclusion, and then type out the results so that you will not need to think about them for yourselves. Instead, you will be able to relax, eat a decent breakfast, do the crossword, catch your train, spend the day no longer distracted by whatever it is that I have sorted out but focused upon whatever it is you have to do, come back home, pour a large drink, put your feet up, eat dinner, watch a bit of telly, and when the time comes to climb the wooden steps to Bedfordshire, know that you will not cats coming from five miles

do hope you can find it in have to lie awake fretting about away, and thus take the thing I have now straightened out for you, and get a good night's kip. Thanks to me, you may, quite literally, rest assured. That is what major commenta-

tors are here for. So, since I know you will have been worrying for some time now about genetic engineering. I feel really bad about not having done the business. I should have been there for you when Dolly the sheep first materialised on your lunchtime news, because you suddenly found yourself scared wittess over how long it might be before there was a Shane Warne bowling from both ends, and a Shadow Cabinet composed entirely of Ann Widdecombes. Nor, when you first saw that mouse with a huge human ear on its back, did I address the vexed question of whether all mice would soon be able to hear

over the world. I did not even speak up more recently when our great Prime Minister himself assured you that you needn't worry your pretty little heads about genetically modified foodstuffs, thereby confirming your suspicion that it could be only a matter of time before you sat down to a lunch

from which you would

stand up again with 12 fingers. In, however, my defence, let me say that my silence sprang not from the dereliction of a major commentator's duty, but from a confidence that necessity would continue to be the mother of invention; so that our perception of probable consequences would itself be enough to em-

to cobble an apparently unbeatable attack, the MCC response would be to clone 11 Bothams; were our way of life to come under threat from a race of mice attuned to the pawfall of current cats, then men in white coats would immediately start popping spar-

rowhawk genes into moggie DNA to bring squadrons of feline Stealths diving noiselessly out of the sun; and as for modified foods, we were surely at liberty to choose either to read the label first, or, a bit later, to deploy our providentially useful extra digits

to knit modified gloves. But all that was my complacent view up until, as I said, a moment ago - the moment in power us to manufacture the which I spotted that chilling the loft into my garden, and, requisite antidotes. Were, that is, news story about 70 of Britain's look, the snowdrops are coming

and Safety Executive fears have taken inadequate safeguards against cross-pollination. In experimental furrows all across the country, the serried ranks of manipulated seedlings, tugged by February gusts, are unserrying fast. Even as I write, and you read, and we both tremble, strange mutant spores are busting out of genetic chokey, flexing their freshly cobbled muscles and taking it on the breeze-blown lam. And summarily scattered with them are all those smug convictions about anticipation and antidote which allowed me to keep silent for so long.

e can envisage no prob-able consequences, now, nor therefore rely upon our inventiveness to cope with them: I glance down from

up, exposing their pretty anthers for a vernal flirt. They do not know what a mistake that is. As the result, next year they might be plumdrops. As to what that might do to the worms churning beneath, who can with any confidence say? They could end up greeting the millennium with big ears on their backs, and should they not work out what an ear does in time to save themselves from hungry birds, we may well see, before the decade's out, a giant starling hurtling in from the Pavilion End on four woolly legs, disguising his googly with his udder and whistling his low appeal

through his dorsal beak. What's that you say? You want me, as a major commentator, to address this question so that you may rest easy in your bed tonight? Tough luck. The answer, my friend, is blowing in the





THE OCALAN TEST

The captured Kurdish terrorist must be given a fair trial

The dramatic midnight capture in Nairobi of Abdullah Ocalan, terrorist mastermind of the PKK Kurdish separatists, yesterday sparked off unprecedented Kurdish violence across Europe. With alarming co-ordination. Kurdish demonstrators stormed Greek embassies, seized hostages, fought pitched battles with police in some 20 cities and tried to set themselves alight. The violence and fanaticism inherent in the PKK philosophy could not have been more brutally demonstrated, nor could better warning have been given of the extremist actions Mr Ocalan's supporters will attempt across Europe and the Middle East when he is put on trial.

The circumstances of his capture are still murky. But it is already clear that Greece is paying a heavy price for its involvement in this affair. Its embassies have been ransacked and diplomats kidnapped on the suspicion that the Greek Ambassador somehow betrayed his unwelcome guest in Nairobi to the Kenyan authorities, allowing Turkish special forces the chance to snatch one of the most wanted men in Europe.

The Greek Prime Minister and Government have come under withering attack at home, largely from those who foolishly believe that anyone opposed to the Turks must be worthy of support. And Mr. Ocalan's lawyers have begun a contemptuour campaign accusing Greece, Italy, The Netherlands and virtually every other country that refused him asylum of betraying his human rights.

Several points need underlining before the world rushes to judgment. The first is that Mr Ocalan himself has no respect for human rights. He is no martyr to Kurdish aspirations for a homeland but a brutal Marxist terrorist, whose bloody 14-year , campaign has claimed some 30,000 lives.

Turkey had every right to demand his extradition, and few should be surprised that its special forces have been deployed to capture him. And the PKK record of assassinations, anti-Turkish violence and extremism across Europe fully justifies the ban imposed in Germany and some other countries on this group as a terrorist organisation.

With his capture, however, it is Turkey that is now on trial. Ankara's fight against the PKK has been bloody, short-sighted and self-defeating. The army, which runs the campaign, has brought disgrace on Turkey with its record of torture, indiscriminate attacks on Kurdish villages and scorched earth policy. Turkish politicians have prosecuted anyone advocating normal minority rights and cultural autono-my; they have failed to make the necessary minimum concessions to stop even moderates among the eight million-strong Kurdish community seeing the PKK as their champions. As a result, Turkey has been pilloried in the Council of Europe, denounced in the European Parliament, censured by human rights organisations and refused the chance of early application to the one organisation that it regards as the embodiment of its post-Ataturk European quest - the European Union.

Bulent Ecevit, the veteran Turkish Prime Minister, was trembling with emotion at the announcement of Mr Ocalan's capture: his minority party sees unexpected advantage in next month's general election. But Mr Ecevit, the man who also ordered the invasion of Cyprus, must understand that Turkey's peace at home and its credibility abroad depend on decent treatment of the captured terrorist and on a scrupulously fair and transparent trial. The first onus will be on Turkey's Government to prove its charges against Mr Ocalan.

BLUE GENES

The Tories should beware of whipping up food scares

Opposition the ingredients for a good political row. The Conservatives spent much of yesterday blending public disquiet about genetically modified (GM) food with a dash of sleaze, a teaspoon of ministerial incompetence and a splash of opportunism for good measure. William Hague clearly hopes that this Government will stew in this controversy, just as the last was seared by BSE. But if the Conservatives wish to be regarded as a responsible, mature party, they must be wary of overstepping the line between echoing the public's anxiety about this new science and scaremongering. Naturally the public demands trustwor-

thy, independent advice about GM food. The "bond of trust", to use one of the Prime Minister's favourite phrases, has not been bolstered by revelations that Lord Sainsbury of Turville, the supermarket billionaire turned Science Minister, once owned a company which controls the worldwide patent rights for a key gene used in the modification process. Emerging just days after allegations that research into GM food may have been suppressed by officials, this news led to predictable calls for Lord Sainsbury's resignation. But there is no reason why the minister should go.

Unlike the former Paymaster General. Geoffrey Robinson, Lord Sainsbury has made no secret of his financial affairs. By transferring his company holding into a blind trust three days after becoming a minister, he appears to have abided by the rules. The purpose of such trusts is to allow individuals to share their expertise and offer advice in the sheltered world of Westminster, free from any conflict of. interest. Many might be bemused that; having distanced himself from his finan-

The Government has, for once, given the cial interests, Lord Sainsbury should have to leave the room when his colleagues discuss GM foods, a specialist subject about which he knows more than virtually any other minister. Yet he is simply erring on the side of caution. Such timorousness is not a ground for resignation.

Most consumers will see the Conservative salvoes over the supermarket tycoon as a sideshow to the real debate over GM foods. The Conservatives are misguided in calling for a three-year moratorium on GM crops. Genetic engineering could offer untold advantages in the next century. Britain, home of Europe's largest biotechnology industry, stands to become a powerhouse in this new world. A moratoricountry's competitive edge, and deprive consumers of the potential benefits.

The Tories would stand on stronger ground if they stuck to berating ministers for the muddle over food labelling. There is no agreement on the minimum content of GM material that must be declared. Many consumers are under the impression that "Frankenstein foods" have yet to escape from the laboratory, even though 60 per cent of processed foods contain genetically modified soya. Giving shoppers more information about what food contains is the surest way to allay their fears.

Genetic engineering is a complex issue which cannot be addressed by soundbite assurances or allegations. If Mr Hague confronts consumers' fears in an adult manner, reaffirming his belief that informed individuals should make their own decisions about what they eat, he will win plaudits. If not, he will find that food scares are creating a Frankenstein's monster which he cannot control.

HIGH SEAS AND HEROISM

A rescue is even more valiant than a race

A race pits man against man. It provides an honourable forum for human endeavour. But a rescue is even more valiant. Self-interest is sacrificed for the good of another. Yesterday, when Giovanni Soldini went to the aid of a stricken opponent in the Around Alone yacht race, he might have risked losing his place in one of the sailing world's most prestigious competitions, but he gained something even more valuable instead - the respect of fellow mariners. Naturally, the race organisers will now estimate how much time Soldini's rescue mission lost him and allow him to resume the competition, but when finally, in about two months' time, the winner is announced, it will not be the winning that the wider world will remember, but the singular act of heroism which took place

along the way. Ocean-racing offers one of the most challenging arenas for sporting heroism. Competitors match their skills against each other and against the elements. Yachts are tossed like salad among winds and waves. Over the cold, vicious emptiness of the Southern Ocean, gales can blow more bitterly than anywhere on earth. No competitors enter the Around Alone unaware that they are flying in the face of the odds. When Isabelle Autissier's yacht capsized, she was stranded far out of range even of air rescue services. Soldini, may have benefited from the most up-to-date technology in coming to her aid, but he also preserved an ancient code of seafarer's

honour, placing himself in the tradition of such great mariners as Ernest Shackleton.

Modern yacht races maintain such noble traditions. In the previous Around Alone, the Briton Josh Hall was rescued by an Australian, Alan Nebauer, when his vessel sank after hitting a submerged container. Pete Goss was almost drowned in honours after he saved the Frenchman Raphael Dinelli during the Vendée Globe. But the powerful, lightweight Open 60 class boats which champion yachtsmen use these days appear increasingly unsuitable for heavy seas. Almost a quarter of the skippers who sail them into the Southern Ocean capsize. And these wide, flat vessels can prove hard to right again.

Yachtsmen realise that they cannot continue to rely on the goodwill of rescue services. An expedition, such as that which saved Tim Bullimore, can cost tens of thousands of pounds. In response, the safety of vessels is being improved. Swinging keels and cambered decks help a capsized boat to recover. In an earlier leg of the current Around Alone race, the four leading skippers, monitoring the approach of a storm, mutually agreed on an imaginary way point which would divert them safely north of the heavy weather. If this self-regulation could be tightened by a few more restrictions imposed by race organisers, the sea could prove a little less perilous, though the risk and challenge, and indeed the occassional heroism, will always remain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Government fails to allay concerns over genetically modified foods

From Dr Erik Millstone and Professor Tim Lang

Sir, The Government has assured the public that the four GM (genetically modified) foods which have already entered the UK's food supply are entirely safe and that new GM foods will be permitted only if their safety is guaranteed. The value of that assurance to be a supply and the safety is guaranteed. ance is, however, undermined by the poverty of the evidence upon which it is based.

There is no general requirement that GM crops be subject to long-term feeding studies to check if they damage the health of laboratory animals. There is, similarly, no requirement to check their effects on the immune system. This was the sort of research which Dr Arpad Pusztai and his colleagues (reports and leading article, February 13) were conduct-

ing in Aberdeen. The excuse for not requiring or conducting tests has been that those GM foods have been deemed "substantially equivalent" to the varieties already in our food supply. But this notion of substantial equivalence is tantamount to deciding not to require further tests.

Professor John Beringer, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Releases to the Environment, explained to the House of Lords Europe Committee (Lords Hansard, May 13, 1998, pp 2 and 3) that studies on the environmental impact of GM crops have been designed by the firms that conduct or sponsor them to ensure that no evidence of adverse impact is ever generated, and therefore almost nothing useful can be learnt from a scrutiny of the resulting data. We agree.

However sale these crops might be, consumer choice should be paramount. Consumers have been promised that strict labelling rules will be introduced next month, but they may well ask why the introduction of GM foods was permitted before the labelling rules had been set.

If the new Food Standards Agency is to be more than a genetically engineered hybrid of the Ministry of Agriculture, rules will need to be changed to ensure that none of the expert advisers, on whom policymakers rely, may act as a paid consultant to the companies whose products they evaluate.

We have been promised by the Government that all the scientific information available to the agency will be publicly accessible. Until that happens, it will be extremely hard to evaluate the conflicting claims con-cerning the work of Dr Pusztai. Surely it is time for the Food Standards Agency Bill to be promoted rapidly up the parliamentary agenda.

Yours faithfully. ERIK MILLSTONE, University of Sussex. TIM LANG. Thames Valley University, As from: Science Policy Research Unit, University of Susse Falmer, Brighton BNI 9RF. e.p.millstone@sussex.ac.uk February 14.

From the Director of GeneWatch

Sir, Dr Jack Cunningham is wrong to say the Government has never received clear advice from its advisers to act to ban a GM food (*Blair resists calls for ban", February 13). In 1996, the Government's scientific advisers said that the unrestricted use of GM maize produced by Ciba-Geigy (now Novartis) posed "an unacceptable risk" because of concerns that the antibiotic resistance gene it contains could be transferred to organisms causing diseases, making them resistant to treatment (Biotechnology Unit, Department of the Environment, April 1996 — Notification for Consent to Market from a Member State, Ref: C/F/94/11-03).

Although the previous Government did vote against the introduction of GM maize, the decision was overridden by the European Commission and a licence for unrestricted use of the maize given in February 1997. The Austrian and Luxembourg Governments banned the import and growing of such maize. In contrast, the UK Government has taken no action.

To remain credible, the Government must follow the advice of its scientists and ban Novartis GM

Yours sincerely, SUE MAYER, Director, GeneWatch. The Courtyard. Whitecross Road, Tideswell. Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 8NY. February 13.

From Mr Seweryn Chomet

Sir, Unlike some other human activities, all science must be practised in public; indeed it must always be

Your leading article, "Genetic resist-

ance" (February 13), goes with micro-surgical precision to the heart of this matter by calling for the publication of all tests on genetically modified foods. How else can consumers make up their mind about the safety of products offered to them by powerful

Yours faithfully, SEWERYN CHOMET (Visiting Research Fellow), King's College London, Strand Campus, WC2R 2LS. February 14.

From Mrs Edwina Currie

Sir, The fuss about genetically engineered food is itself a little synthetic. There is nothing natural about an Aberdeen Angus bull, a Tamworth pig or a Cox's Pippin. Even the term seedless fruit" is a contradiction in terms, yet we consume large quantities without a second thought

The difference comes with the transfer of genes from one species to another. It must surely be wise to question why a potato might benefit from doctoring with a snowdrop gene, or whether it is sensible to scatter human genes about like so much confetti.

The plethora of advisory bodies does not help. Government ministers are not suffering from a lack of advice but an avalanche of it - and nearly all the data comes from those enterprises that are set to gain most.

Meanwhile the potential for genetic therapy amongst humans has slipped into the background, yet the techniques are similar. The day is close at hand when we will be able to eliminate harmful elements in embryos, such as those genes (already identified) for breast cancer or cystic fibrosis. What next: will we be tempted to make improvements, much as the plant scientists are now doing? Where are the ethics in that?

It is time for the Government to develop some strategic thinking. A genetics authority, to cover every aspect of genetic engineering in piants, animals and people, could be a long-term goal. It could commission independent research; it could set up rules and guidelines; it could license premises and projects. Its member-ship might include consumers, the disabled, the retailers, the clinics and the moralists.

Science is only as good, or as bad, as the uses to which it is put. Governments cannot avoid their responsibility to ensure that, as far as is humanly

possible, into the foreseeable future, the gains outweigh the risks, and the risks are understood.

Yours sincerely **EDWINA CURRIE** (Minister of Health, 1986-88). The Tower House, Findern, Derbyshire DE65 6AP. February 15.

From Mr Nick Royle

Sir, The argument over genetic modification is made more important by the

As someone who would prefer not to eat such foods, I visited my local branch of Tesco's today, having called beforehand to find out the store's policy (not many GM foods, but items clearly marked). I filled my basket and then, aided by the manager, pro-ceeded to remove three-quarters of the

contents. We then tried to replace the products with non-GM items. I ended up with virtually no packaged food. Ready-made puddings, including those purporting to be fresh, were excluded. I do feel it is time that all supermarkers clearly labelled such foods, possibly having separate non-

As for the Prime Minister telling us that he eats GM food regularly. I seem to remember a government minister cramming a burger down his daughter's throat in similar circum-

NICK ROYLE, The Garden Flat, 98 Beaufort Street, SW3 6BU. February 16.

From Mr Peter Whittle

accommodating cove and have be-come used to what she created.

It is not that I am too old a dog rather that I don't actually like the prospect of modification without the markets assure me that genetically

Thrift Wood, Pigeon House Lane, Freeland, Witney, Oxfordshire OX8 8AG. February 14.

Arsenal's 'fair play'

From Mr Simon Carne

Sir, It is right that Arsenal's FA Cup match against Sheffield United is to article, February 15). But one does wonder whether the credit rightly belongs with Arsenal's manager. Arsene Wenger. Was the idea really his? Even as he announced the offer. he rejected as "cheating" the much simpler remedy that one of his players could simply have knocked the ball into his own goal.

If the decision to replay the match is not to lead to "unscrupulous copycat claims", the FA should make it clear that its decision is in no way to be interpreted as overruling the referee's judgment during the game. Under the rules of football, "unsporting behaviour is a cautionable offence, not a foul.

The referee may not stop the game for unsporting behaviour. He can only wait until the ball is out of play fin this case, in the Sheffield United goal) and then give a yellow card to the offending players, if he thought their unsporting actions deliberate.

Yours faithfully, SIMON CARNE, CO7 Regent Court Wrights Lane, W85SJ.

From Mr David Morgan

replay to their opponents.

important match.

Sir, Having witnessed the amazing scenes at Highbury last Saturday from my seat in the North Stand, can only applaud the prompt and

sensible decision of Arsenal to offer a

Most supporters still remember the similar incident with Blackburn Rovers two seasons ago, which cost Arsenal a place in the Champions League. However, they still felt that although the offending player in Saturday's match had come from the Italian league, where such niceties as "fair play" are deemed hardly to exist. this was no way to win such an

Yet one has to question whether had the incident occurred in the match between, say. Barnsley and Bristol Rovers, their managers and club officials would have exerted the same influence on the FA as Arsène Wenger and Arsenal's vice-chairman, David Dein. The concept of "fair play" needs to spread right through the Premier League. Nationwide League and beyond, and if the incident promotes a debate on the general conduct of players whilst on the pitch then much good could yet come from what happened at High-

bury on Saturday. Is it too much to hope that we may even see an end to the shirt-tugging, diving and general play-acting that has become a permanent feature of our favourite sporting pastime?

Yours faithfully, DAVID MORGAN, 8a Downsway, Merrow GUI 2YA. February 15.

Straw plan 'echoes Third Reich'

From Mr Tim de Ferrars

Sir. Some correspondents take a on-beamen view of . between Tony Blair and Hitler (letters, February 11, 12, 15).

Today's report (see also leading article) that Jack Straw proposes the incarceration of British citizens for what they might do - rather than what they have done - is sinister enough to puncture the joke. Yours faithfully,

TIM de FERRARS. Bramble Cottage, Seymour Road, Headley Down, Hampshire GU35 &JX. February 16.

From Mr Paul Hardy

Sir, Mr Michael Weigall reminds us (letter, February II) that in February 1974 the electorate were faced with an election on the issue of "Who runs Britain?", and he suggests that the defeat of the Tory Government in that election was a vote against constitu-

I hope the day never comes when a sitting Prime Minister is allowed not only to decide when a general election should be called, but to determine

new female musicians in the band of

the Welsh Guards amply illustrates

the absurdity of dressing women in uniforms designed for men. In the days when the Queen attended her

Birthday Parade on horseback, she

was dever enough not to make that

mistake. She wore a specially modi-

fied version of a Footguards Colonel's

full dress uniform and looked superb

The MoD should learn from Her

Majesty's example.

JEREMY MONSON

Scattered relics

From Mr Christopher Y. Nutt

(Grenadier Guards, 1952-67).

Keepers Cottage, Scarletts Wood.

Hare Hatch, nr Reading RG10 9TL

Sir, As a lawyer of some thirty years'

standing, I can assure your corre-

spondents (letters, February 8) that the relics of Saint Valentine are not in

No Sir, they are scattered all over

the divorce courts of southern Eng-

Dublin, Glasgow or Edgbaston.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER Y. NUTT. Bancroft Park, Ablington,

Cambridge CB1 6BQ.

February 8.

Yours faithfully,

February 11.

Women in uniform

From Major Jeremy Monson

what the important issues to be decided in that election should be.

of Hitler's complaint that the German Yours faithfully, PAUL HARDY, 8 Jackman House, Watts Street, El 9PU hardypaul@hotmail.com

From Mr Larry Rushton

February 11.

Overall, Heath's Tories actually won nearly a quarter of a million votes more than the Labour Party. The vagaries of our medieval constituency system allowed Harold Wilson to wriggle into power by the thickness of a cigarette paper.

February 11.

Mr Weigall's criticism of the electorate for getting rid of the 1970-74

Government reminds me somewhat

people had proved unworthy of him.

Sir, Mr Weigall really cannot blame the national electorate for the outcome of the February 1974 "miners" elec-

Yours sincerely, LARRY RUSHTON, 10 Smith Close, Piddington, Northampton NN7 2DW.

'Unsafe' IRA conviction

From His Honour Joseph Dean Sir. Your photograph today of the two Sir. It seems surprising that no

misgivings have been expressed in your columns about the Court of Appeal judgment quashing the 1990 conviction of Nicholas Mullen for an IRA bombing conspiracy, together with the sentence of 30 years imprisonment (report, February 5). No irregularity was alleged concerning the conduct of the trial or the conviction or the sentence. But because the appellant had been illegally deported from Zimbabwe, and had been deprived of legal advice in that country and the chance of being deported or extradited to somewhere else, the court held that a conviction in this country was "unsafe" and the trial "unlawful".

The court rebuked the security

services and the police for their failure to adhere to the rule of law; but it is not easy to see why this failure justified the retrospective acquittal of an appellant otherwise properly tried and convicted of a most murderous

Yours faithfully JOSEPH DEAN, The Hall, West Brabourne, Ashford, Kent TN25 5LZ. February 16.

Letters to the Editor should carry a may be sent to a fax number -

daytime telephone number. They 0171-782 5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk difficulty of determining which foods contain it, in spite of the Prime Mini-

ster's assurance (report, February 16).

GM sections.

Yours sincerely,

Sir, Nature may not have done a perfect job in my case but I am an

option. If the Government and supermodified food is safe, I instinctively want it clearly labelled so that I may

Yours faithfully, PETER WHITTLE,

Monitoring QCs

From Mr Alan Mackinnon Sir, Appraisal of QCs, suggested by Mr Andrew Dismore, MP (letter, simplest of forms. If they are beyond their prime, or insufficiently educated in their field of expertise, they will not get instructions. In reality a sitting MP in a safe seat seems far more

secure in his or her position. Yours faithfully, ALAN MACKINNON, 71 Elsham Road, W14 8HD. February 15.

From Mr Roger Jenkins

Sir. Whilst it is correct that our Members of Parliament are elected, surely their "selection" is, to quote Mr Dismore's reference to QCs, "from second-hand information based on secret references never made available either to applicants or the public".

Yours faithfully, R. O. JENKINS. Haycorns, Fairmead Road, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 6JR. February 16.

The English identity

From Dr Derek W. Arthur

Sir. The extensively travelled Scot, David Wilson (letter, February 13), has failed to encounter "a modest English person". I am a Scot who has no need to travel to meet one: I am married to one.

Indeed, she is too modest to claim to match Mr Wilson's qualities -"friendly, easygoing, genuine and car-ing" — though well-qualified to do so.

Yours faithfully, D. W. ARTHUR, 25 Waulkmill Drive, Penicuik, Midlothian EH26 8LA. derek@maths.ed.ac.uk

From Mr Laurence Boyd Sir, I agree with Miss Alice Goddard's views on national identity (letter, February 9).

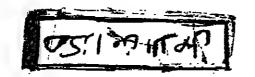
Boasting about modesty is typical of Yours faithfully, LAURENCE BOYD, 96 Alderman Road, Glasgow G13 3BW.

Knot rated

February 11.

From Mr Jack Norfolk Sir, My father always said: "Never trust a man who wears a bow-tie. unless he is a gynaecologist" (letters, February 5 and 12).

Yours faithfully, JACK NORFOLK, 2 The Street, Little Waldingfield, Nr Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 0SQ. February 13.





COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE Rebruary lo: The Queen held an investiture at Buckinghan Palace

The Right Hon Tony Slair, MP (Prime Minister and Forn Lord of the Treasury) had an Audience of

BUCKINGHAM PALACE Rebruary 16: The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, this morning received Dr Nicholass Carey, Mr Paul Wates and Mr David Young at Buckingham Pal-

His Royal Highrens, Life Member, inday attended a Lunch at the new Naval and Military Club, 4 St James's Square, London, WT. The Duke of Edinburgh, Chan-

cellor, this evening attended a Reception to celebrate The Univer-sity of Cambridge's partnership with industry and business at St CLARENCE HOUSE February 16: Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Mayall today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, upon relinquish-

ing Officer. Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick Andrews also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Com-manding Officer, 1st The Queen's

ST JAMES'S PALACE bruary io: The Prince of Wales this morning visited the Britannia

Dragoon Guards,

Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** Rebroary Hr. The Princess Royal

Chancellor, University of Landon, this morning visited the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, Caroden, London WCI.

afternoon visited the Institute of Commonwealth Studies in its 50th Anniversary Your, at 25 Russell Sorture, Camden, London WCI.

KENSINGTON PALACE February In The Princes Marga-ret. Countess of Snowdon, Presi-dent. The Guide Association, held a Reception at Kensington Palace hits afternoon following the presen-tation of Brooches to those who have become Queen's Guides.

ST JAMES'S PALACE February 16: The Duke of Kent, Trustee, the National Museum of Science and Industry, this evening

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

don Training and Enterprise Coun-cil, Centre Point, New Oxford

Today's royal engagements The Prince of Wales will undertake

engagements in Brighton, East Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend the award's Friends' reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.00, fol-lowed by the sward's annual Charter Member dinner at St James's Palace at 7.45.

The Princess Royal will visit various aspects of the Bakewell Project - a scheme to secure the future of Bakewell through economic, social, business, support and training needs of the communi-ty — at 10.00; will visit Royal Crown Derby, Osmaston Road, Derby, at 11.30; as Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will attend Derby bureau's 60th anniversary celebration and open its new premises at Progressive Building, Sitwell Street, Derby, at 12-20; will open the new factory exersion at Thomtons, Thornton Park, Somercotes Alfreton, at 1.20; and will visit Green Gables Cheshire Home, Wingfield Road, Alfreton, at 3.10.

Hill House

House International Junior School, 17 Hans Place, London reception on April 23 to mark the foundation and the 90th hirthday to the school with your current for full details and an invitation.

Ambassador

Mr Glyn Davies has been appointed Ambassador to Panama from March in succession to Mr Bill Sinton who will be transferring to a new Diplomatic Service appoint-

Her Royal Highness, Chancel-lor, University of London, this

The Princess Royal, later presented The Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers The Prin-cess Royal Award 1998 at Bucking nam Palace.

attended a reception at Spencer House, London SWL

February 16: Princess Alexandra, President of the Children's Country Holidays Fund, this afternoon attended the presentation to the charity of the "Investors in People Award" at POCUS, Central Lon-

Dr H.D. Cockburn, MC

A celebration of the life of Dr H.D. Cockburn (Cocky), former Medical Superintendent, St Mary's Hospial, Paddington, London, will be held at St James's Church, Sussex Gardens, W2, on Friday, March 19, at 2.30pm.

Mr Nigel Kent-Lemon

A service to celebrate the life of Nigel Kent-Lemon will be held on Friday, March 26, 1999, at noon at Holy Trinity Brompton, Knightsbridge. All family, friends and colleagues are welcome. A reception will follow.

Louis Schaffer

A memorial meeting in memory of Louis Schaffer, barrister of 10 King's Bench Walk, Temple, will be held in the Parliament Chamber, Inner Temple, on Wednesday. March 17, 1999, at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome but please advise clerk if attending on 0171 353 2501.

Appointments in the Forces

Air Vice-Marshal D C Coupens to be Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Logistics) from February 19 in succession to Major-General G

Ewer.
Air Commodore: D R Williams,
SHAPE, 15.2.99
Group Captain: M D Stringer,
TGDA, 15.2.99; I J O MacEachern. ISCSC, 15.2.99

JSCSC, 15.2.99
Wing Commander: N E Wharmby, TTT Concessore, 22.1.99; D R
Paton, Waddington, 22.1.99; R J
Elliott, Brizs Norton, 24.1.99; P W
Gray, Main Building, 25.1.99; N M
Connell, D Air Plans, 29.1.99; M C Green, Main Building, 1.299; J P Squeich, Aircent, 1.299; C M Rackham, HQPTC, 1.299; M L Page, RAFIO Benson, 15.299; S A Waygood, MOD, 15.299.



Elizabeth Traslor, of Kent, admiring a display of camellias at the RHS Flower Show in Westminster yesterday

Snowdrops sparkle into gold

By Alan Toogood HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

TO THE casual observer all snowdrops may look alike but closer inspection reveals that they vary greatly in size, shape and flower markings.

Foxgrove Plants, of Newbury, is providing an opportunity to study at close quarters a wide range of snowdrops at the Royal Horticultural Society's Flower Show.

Its gold medal exhibit includes one of the tallest snowdrops, Galanthus plicatum "Warham" with very large flowers on eight to nine inch stems. The flowers of some snowdrops are heavily marked with green, including "Merlin" and "Jacquenetta". Also very distinctive is "Trym", which has a green blotch on each petal. "Blond Inge" is marked with yellow spots.

Dwarf spring bulbs are featuring strongly at this show, which opened in Westminster yesterday. Broadleigh Gardens, of Bishops Hull, Somerset, has created a woodland garden with a Devon bank planted with a range of snowdrops, daffodils and other small bulbs. Another part of this gold medal exhibit shows the more formal use of dwarf bulbs. Iris

Birthdays today

Sir Derek Andrews, former civil

servant, 66; Mr Alan Bates, actor,

65: Dr. Gordon Cook, former President, Royal Society of Tropi-cal Medicine and Hygiene, 67; the Earl of Dundonald, 38; the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT, 75;

Lord Poot, 90; Mr Bernie Grant, MP, 55; Lord Hoyle, 69; Mr Barry Humphries, emertainer and au-thor, 65; Sir Gordon Jones, former

hairman, Yorkshire Water, 72;

Mr R.P. Kennedy, Head Master, Highgate School, 50; Miss Julia McKenzie, actress and singer, 58;

General Sir John Mogg, 86; Mr Norman Pace, comedian, 46; Dr

Claire Palley, former Principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 68: Baron-ess Rendell of Babergh, 69: Miss

ess Rendell of Brioergh, by, Muss Patricla Routledge, actress, 70: Lord Stynn of Hadley, 69: Com-mandant Mary Talbot, former director, WRNS, 77: Mr Benjamin

Whitrow, actor, 62: Sir Anthony

Wilson, former accountancy advis-er to HM Treasury, 7L

Church of Scotland

The Rev Dr David Sinciair, Minis-

ter of Martyrs Church, St An-

drews, to be the first full-time secretary of the Church and Na-

tion Committee from March 22.

histrioides "Angel's Eye", a new hybrid with clear blue flowers, is being shown for the first time.

The gold medal display of dwarf bulbs from Potterton and Martin, of Nettleton, Lincolnshire, includes a daffodil named by the nursery. Bob Potterton bought some bulbs of Narcissus romieuxii collected from the Atlas Mountains in Morocco in 1968, grew them on, selected out the best forms and named one of them "Treble Chance". It has large flared

nale-cream flowers. Another highlight of the show is a gold medal display of Hepaticas from Ash-wood Nurseries of Kingswinford, West Midlands. These are hardy dwarf spring flowering woodland perennials with bowl-shaped or starry flowers suited to shady parts of the garden. The nurseries are showing species, varieties and bybrids from Europe, Asia, Japan and America. They are launching a new hybrid at the show - Hepatica media Harvington Beauty", with pale to mid-blue semi-double flowers. It orginated in a garden in the Vale of Evesham, Worcestershire. The American species H Americana is very distinctive with purple flushed foliage and tiny single pale-blue

Service luncheons

Colonel and Alderman Sir Paul

Newall was the principal guest at a luncheon of serving and retired officers, warrant officers and sen-ior non commissioned officers of

the London Scottish held last night

honour at a luncheon of the Royal

Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport Officers Lunch-eon Club held yesterday at Mark Masons Hall, St James's, Briga-dier B.C. Ridley, vice chairman,

Dallow Chandlers' Consoant

Mr R.A.B. Nicolle, Master of the

Tallow Chandlers' Company, pre-sented awards to City and Guikis

vocational education students at a luncheon held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. Professor Kevin Warwick, Reading University, also

nel, presided

RASC and RCT

Luncheon

or white flowers.

Turkish, Trass-Cascasian and

The Minister of State for Defence

Procurement was the guest of honour at the launch of the Turkish,

Trans-Caucasian and Central Asian

Breakfast Club held yesterday at the House of Commons, Mr Tony

Baidry, MP, and Mr Ben Chap man, MP, were the hosts. Mr

Sarosh Zaiwalls, co-convenor of the Asian Business Breakfast Club,

Asian Business
welcomed the guests, the Australian
The Ambassadors of Turkey, the Australian
The Australian
The Ambassadors of Turkey, the Australian
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Gigia, Mr Tim, Eggar, Mr Tim Mcbrille-Rom and Professor Ewen Anderson were arrang the sponkers.

HMS Victory Admiral Sir John Brigstocke, Sec-

Admiral Str John Brigstocke, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Lady Brigstocke were the bosts at a dinner held last night in HMS Victory in aid of the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel Trust. Among those present were:

Among those present were:
Admiral Sir John Woodward, Sir Jack
Hayward, Sir Graham and Lady Hearne,
Sir Maurice and Lady Leing, Mrs Prim
Hoult, Miss Patti Bloom, Brigadice and Mrs
Johney Ricken, Mr and Mrs Robin Faccesda, Mr Jalian Wootner, Mr and Mrs
Michael Branton, Mr and Mrs Anthony
Hudson and Mrs Marjorle Bowden.

Service dinner

Breakfast .

Other gold medallists are Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, (a display of trees, shrubs and other ornamental plants for early spring colour), and Lincluden Nursery of Bisley Green, Surrey (a colourful display of

A spectacular shrub in the .RHS ornamental plant competition is Aucuba japonica "Picturata" with gold-splashed leaves, shown by Elizabeth Bullivant, of Zeals, Wiltshire, in the class for four trees or shrubs, for which she has gained first

In the British Iris Society's early spring show, which features the bulbous reticula ta irises, Berney Baughen of Downe, Kent, has scooped the major prizes: the Mini Peckham Cup for three pots, and the Patricia Linnegar Memorial Trophy for a container planted for effect.

Gold medals have been awarded to the following artists: Marta Chirino-Argenta, of Madrid (ink drawings of aquatic plants from Castille, La Mancha, Spain), and Deborah Lambkin of Dublin (watercolour and gouache paintings of Ner-

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Dinners

Coningsby Club The Hon Francis Maude, Shadow Chancellor, was the guest of bonour and speaker at a dinner given by the officers and commit-tee of the Coningsby Club last night at the Cariton Club.

at Girdlers' Hall to mark the survival of the regiment after the Strategic Defence Review. Colonel R.D. Holliday. Regimental Colooresided. Chartered lightlyte of Buildie Mr Stephen J. Norris, Director-General of the Road Hanlage Association, was the guest of

Old Westminster Lawyers The annual Old Westin yers Shrove Tuesday dinner of lawyers who were at Westminster School was held last night at the Garrick Club. Mr Giles Wintle presided. Mr Tristram Jones-Par-

guest. · · · The Club of Rome Professor Brian Locke was the host at a dinner-discussion of the

The Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP,

Mr Joseph Dayer, President of the Chartered Institute of Building. presided at the annual dinner held last night at Guikhall. Sir John gan. Mr Paul Shepherd and Mi Anthony Bingham also spoke.

ry, the new Headmaster, was the

Rome held yesterday at the Athenaeum. Dr Hans DuMoulins was the speaker. "

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.M.B. Collier and Miss A.J.S.C. McBride

The engagement is aumounced between Phillip, son of Mr Mark Collier, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and Mrs Susan Califer, of Punknowie, Curset, and Alexandra, daughter of the late Mr Barrie St Clair McBride and of Mrs McBride, of Hilton, Dorset. Mr D.S.N. Freeland

and Miss R.J. Scott The engagement is announced between Dominic son of Mrs Pelicity Freeland, of Parsons Green, Landon, and Mr Neate Presignat of Barnes, and Rebecca. daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Scutt, of Humbly Grove, South Warnborough, Hampshire.

Mr J.T. Green Miss G.M. Whitmore The engagement is announced between Jason, son of Mr and Mrs John Green, of Markbeeth, Cowden. Kent, and Georgins, younger daughter of Mr John Whitmore and

the late Mrs Sispeth Whitmore, of Hartfield, East Susses. Mr T.P. Rarrison The engagement is announced between Patrick; son of Mr and Mrs T.A. Harrison, of Horsted

Keynes, Sussex, and Nicota, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Beeston, of Shoreham-by-Sea, Mr R.D.R. Milner

and Miss G.D.M. Winters The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Milner, of Roundhay, Leeds, and Gillian, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alex Winters, of Longdon Common, Shropshire.

Mr S. Piney and Miss A.E. Philpott The engagement is announced hetween Simon, elder son of Mr hetween Simon, elder son of Mr France, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Philipott, of

Lutterworth, Leicestershire. Mr G.A. Powell and Miss S.A. Wilson The engagement is announced between Gary, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.A. Powell, of Eastham, Wirral, and Sarah, elder daughter

of Dr and Mrs K.B. Wilson, of Oxford, and West Bradley, Somerset. Mr P.T. Putnam and Miss R.J. Windson The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and

Mrs Ray Putnam, of Rodmell, East Sussex, and Rebecca, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Windsor. of Bristol. Mr M.R. Sa and Miss M.C. Beadon

The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Samuelson, of Clare, Suffolk, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Beadon, of

Mr R.N. MacFarlane and Miss B.C. Gilson The engagement is aumounced between Richard Neil, younger son of Sir Neil and Lady MacFarlane. of Sonning-on-Thames, Berkshire.

and Bridget Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Gilson, of

Kirlmore End, South Oxfordshire. Mr M.J. Ramoton

and Miss K.L. Braithwaite The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs John Rampton, of Easton Lodge, Norwich, and Katie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Braithwalle, of Bullocks Farm. West Wycombe.

Mr.D.C. Rees

and Dr S-A. Francis. The engagement is unnounced between Christopher, younger son of Dr and Mrs David B. Rees, of Lake Orion, Michigan, USA, and Sally-Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Derrick Francis of Swansez, South Wales.

Marriages

Mr H.J.P. Farr and Miss C.E.F. Platt The marriage took place on Saturday, February 13, 1999, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London WI, between Mr Henry John Philip Pacr, son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Farr, of Worksop, and Miss Claudie Eveline Ferwick Platt, daughter of Mr and Mrs Julian Platt, of London, Pather Oliver McTernan officiated, assisted by

the Rev Philip Tennant. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Willa Gray, Zoë Fireks, Claudia Esnouf and Hugo Fullerton. Mr Rupert Uloth and Mr Hugo Fircks were best men.

A reception was held at the Savile Club and the honeymoon is being spent in Africa.

Mr D.E. Hatch

and Miss M.P. Clancy The marriage took place on Saturday, February 13, 1999, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London WI, between Mr David Hatch and Miss Mary Clancy, eidest daughter of Mrs Clancy and the late Michael Clancy.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Kevin Clancy.

Mr Terry Wogan was best man. A reception was held at the Savoy

Mr W.P. Jenks and Mrs C.A. Thompson The marriage took place on February 13, in Shropshire, of Mr William Jenks, only son of Mr Bryan Jenks and the late Mrs Anne Attwood, and Mrs Caroline Thompson, only daughter of the late Lieutenant Colonel Owain

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Arcangelo Corelli, composer, Fusignano, Italy, 1653; Selwyn Image, painter, Bodiam, Sussex, 1849; Sir Edward German, shire, 1862; A.B. (Banjo) Paterson, poet, journalist and author of Walzing Matilda, Narambia, New South Wales, 1864.

DEATHS: Giordano Bruno, philosopher, burnt at the stake in Rome, 1600; Molière (stage name of Jean Baptiste Poquelin), play-wright, Paris, 1673; Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi, educator, Brugg. Switzerland, 1827; Geronimo, Apache leader, Port Sill, Oklahoma, 1908; Albert I, King of the Belgians 1909-34, killed in a climbing accident in the Ardennes, 1934; Graham Sutherland, painter, 1980. Baron Karl von Drais de Saner-brun patented the "draisine",

the forerroner of the bicycle, 1818. A bond exploded at the Winter Palace, St Petersburg, in an at-tempt to assassinate Tsar Alexan-The first public experimental demonstration of Baird television was transmitted from Crystal Palace to the Dominion Theatre, London,

The British Parliament world to

Reception

British Safety Council Sir Neville Purvis, Director Gener-al of the British Safety Council. was the bost at a reception held yesterday at Armourers' Hall for the council's Diploma in Safety Management, Diploma in Envi-ronmental Management and Five Star Health and Safety Management System Audit awards.

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Blessed is he that considereth the poor the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. Psalm 41.1 (AY)

BIRTHS

ADAM - On 8th February, to Susan (née Edney) and James, a daughter, Harriet Victoria, a sister for Grace.

ADAMSON - On February

8th, to Kay (née Andrews) and Nicholas, a son, Edward James, a brother for Samuel.

ALDERGTON - On 10th
February, to Mellssa (née
Trowell) and Richard, a
daughter, Constance
Poppy, a beautiful sister
for Cecity. Allan - On February 14th, to Siân (née Warr) and Andrew, a son, Thomas William, a half brother for Edward and Henry.

1999, to Kathryn (née Crosbie) and Chris, a son, Archie James, a brother for Kirsten.

10th 1998, to Anna (née Hogg) and Adam, a son, Archie George Theodore

brother for Guy, Kit and

prury - On 17th January in Peru to Alexandra (née Aranda) and Robert, a son, Maurice Robert Denis.

ELIS - On February 13th at

GBLÉR - On 14th February. in Budapest, to Carolina (nie MacMahon) and Baláza, a son, Káruly Michael Baláza.

St Peter's Rost Donna and Mark, a daughter Holly Anne.

BREMMER - On 3rd February

SUTTERWORTH - On Jenuary 28th 1999, to Jenet (née Dibley) and Tyler, 2 son, Todd. coluen - On February 14th to Dominic and Rachel (née Ternoy), a daughter, Rosa Imogan, a sister for Samuel and Louis.

DOCON-SMITH - On February DEATHS

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All ESBURY - Jean,
Marchioness of Allesbury
died peacefully on
February 14th 1999 aged
30. Widow of Cedric 7th
Marquest of Allesbury,
and beloved mother of
Charles Brudenell-Bruce.
Church Service at St
Katharing's, Savernake
Forest, Mariborough,
Wiltshire, at 3 pm on
February 24th 1999.
Funeral 24th 1999.
Funeral 24th 1999.
tel: (01793) 522797.

DEATHS

RABOGER - On February 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Michelle (née Haig) and John, a daughter, Loin Abigail, a sister for Jed Alfie. SHIEYMAN - On February 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Melazie (née Newy) and Paul, a precious son, Luke John David,

LARDON - On February 11th in London, to Jane (née Jackson) and Robin, a son, a little brother for Arabella and Henry. McKPLAY - On February 1 th, to Becky (née Impey) and Jason, a daughter, Charlotte Kata.

ROSE - On 9th February, to Sarah (née Cusens) and Colin, a beautiful son, William Rory, a brother for Elegnor and Alexandra. SMITH - On February 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Catherine (née Cates) and Martin, a son, Henry, a brother for Charlotte.

SUDLOW - On February 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Gall and Mike, a son, VASEDAMME - On February 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Brenda (note Harper) and Marc, a daughter, Emilia, a sister for Auralia.

BARRY - Wayne Christopher aged 27 - tragically on 5th February, 1939. Beloved son of Julie and a dearty loved brother, grandson, nephew and uncle. Funeral service at St. Pete Funeral service at St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, liferd at 10.00 sm on Thursday, 18th February followed by burial at Barkingside Cemetery, Wayne will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Enquiries to C. Selby & Son, Tel. 0181, 980 3034.

BEACH - David, after a short illness on 15th February, aged 53. Professor of History, University of Zimbahywa Duary lowed husband of Gill, son of Norman and Jean and brother of Judy of Margate, South Africa, brother-in-law of Bob and Jean Durrell of Bramhall, Cheshire, Friend and colleague to many including distinguished academic associates worldwide, David will be greatly missed.

BEVARI - On 11th February 1999 peacafully in Brighton, Bryan aged 85 years. Funeral Service at St John's Charch, Palmeris Square, Hove, on February 18th at 3 pm. followed by cremation. No flowers by request. Donations If desired to Dr. Barnardoe c/o Hanningtons FD. 4-6

BROCK - Ray Barrington,
MBE at Clementsdame,
Oxfod on 14th February,
aged 91. Much loved
husband of Rosemary,
uncle of Disma and
Nicholas Fuseral 1 pm
24th February at Worth
Crematorium. No flowers
please.

c/o Hanningtons FD, 4-6 Monteflore Road, Hove.

CAMERON - On February 11th, James McNeizh of Teddington, beloved husband of Mary, father of Shelis, Michele and Ross. A Savvice of Thankeryving will be held on Tuesday February 22rd as 54 Markh.

February 23rd at St Mark's Church, St Mark's Road, Teddington. Enquiries to T.H. Senders & Higgs tel-(0181) 892-2611.

DEWIDNEY - On 11th
February Duncen
Alexander Cox Develoy,
husband of the late Ann,
father of Caroline and
Christine, grandfather of
Lydis and GreatGrandfather of Abigall.
Much loved. Cremetion
private.

Decides - Kenneth
Wyndham, peacefully at
home, on February 15th
1999, aged 91 years. Much
loved Husband of Shella
and Father to Sarah and
Jane. Funeral Service at St
Margarets Church
Ditching on Friday 19th
February at 2.45pm.
Pamily flowers only, but
donations if desired for
Sussex Archaeological
Society may be sun to
Bowley Funeral Service,
30 Keymer Road,
Hassocias, West Sussex,
BNS tAN. tel 01273

BLWOOD - John on 12th
February 1999 at his home
in Muswell Hill aged 75
years. Deeply missed
hosband of his wife loan,
loving father of Pat, Sue,
Teress, Sandra and Jennia
and much loved granded
and great-granded.
Puneral Service at
Marylebone Crematerium,
Tuesday 23rd February at
2 pm.

FATH - Mary, at Harrogate
on 12th February. Widow
of Alan. Mother of Kit,
Anthony and the late
Richard. A very special
grandmother to Cantilla,
Nicholas, Hugh, Gny and
James. Private cremation
at Harrogate on 22nd
February. Service of
Thanksgiving at 8t
Andrews Church, Curry
Rivel, Somerast on
Monday 12th April at 2.30
pm. No Howers piesse.
Douations, if desired,
psyable to Forsey & Son,
Pound Pool, Somerton,
Somerset, TA11 &LZ (for
the 5t Andrews Church
Restoration Appeal).

Restoration Appeal).

REBICH - Margaret Annis
(Peggy). Died pescatulty at
home surrounded by her
family on Sunday 14th
February aged 58. A very
leved mother,
grandmother and greatgrandmother and greatgrandmother. Funeral
private. A thanksgiving
savice will be held at
1.30pm on Friday 19th
March at 5t Mary's
Church, Stoke Abbott. No
flowers places but
donations, if derived, to 5t
Mary's Church, Stoke
Abbott and the National
Hospital for Nervous Appendix and the responsi Hospital for Nerveus Diseases e/o A.G. Down Ltd., Fuzeral Directors, 68 South Street, Bridport DTS 3NN (01308-422643).

GLADSTONE - Nacud (GGC)
91 died penceluly at home
- what a sport, to the very
end. Anne, Jean and Kitty.
A Thankspiving Service at
St Mary's Church.
Oatlanda, Weybridge at
4pm on 12th March.

GENDRING Barbara (Boo)
nés Charneck-Smith, died
peacefully at home en 13th
February 1992. Very loving
and loved wife of Michael.
Private funeral. No
flowers, please. Doustions,
if desired, to The Injured
lockeys Fund, c/o Philip
Ford & Son, Dirietou
House, Calmertous Road,
Strond, Glos.

HEWETT - Maurice Hewett LS.O., passed eway pescatully in hospital 13th February 1939. Faneral will take place Worthing Cruestorium Monday 22nd February 3.20 pm. Any enquiries to (01903) 728324.

HUMER - Moulks. On February 15th, 1999, percurally at home in Rishen, Switzerband, after a long filmess bravely borne, Monthin, aged 52. Dearly loved wife of Fram and loving mother of Kristian and Carolina. Private funeral. Family flowers only, Donations if dusired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

OHRSON - Group Captal P.W. Johnson D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., father of Virginia and Hugo, died on Friday 12th February aged 90. Memorial service of thanksgiving at St James's Church, Shere, near Guidford on 11th March at 11.30 nm. Donations to at 11.30 nm. Donations to RAF. Benevolent Fund. Private cremation.

KREEW - Dorris died in hospital on 12th February 1999, loving mother of Anna and Mebasi. Funeral Service at Downs Crematorium, Brighton, ea Tuesday 23rd February et 3 pp. Benilly Romers an Luckey LNG I street at 3 pm. Family Howers only. Donations to Open Spaces Society e/e Hammingtons FD, 4–6 Monteflore Road, Howe, tal. (01273) 178783.

> To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

AWMAN - On February
13th 1999 Derek Keith the
dearly loved Husband of
Anne and loving Father of
Nick, Sarah and Murk. The
funeral service will take
place as Monday February
22nd at 5t Marry Parish.
Church, Bowdon, Cheshirs
at 11 am to be followed by
a private Inmity cremation.
Family Howers only
please, but donations for
the benefit of The Murie
Cutte Mesmorial
Foundation may be sent to
Kenneth Dewey & Sone
(Funeral Directors), 2
Grove Lame, Hale,
Altrincham, Cheshire
WA15 &R. Teisphone:
(0161) 990-7010.

LEWIS - Molly, widow of Tim (ex India and Uganda), dearly loved mother of Gall, Mandy and Tim, peacefully on 18th February, Funeral service Friday 19th February, 2.00pm at the United Reformed Church, Avebury, No flowers please. Donasions instead to KUKEA c/o John Stnart Funeral Service, Castle Farm, Hillworth Road, Devizes, With SN10 5HD.

LEWIS - Frances Beatride died pescafully on February 10th aged 29. Fazzily transation followed by Thankselving Service at New Road Baptist Church, Oxford on Tuesday 23rd February at 12 noon. Family Gowers only.

MACKAY - Alastair CMG, died pesceivilly at home on 13th February 1999, aged 87. Devoted husband of Edith, father of Margaret and Alex and much loved grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Cremtonium at 2.30m on on the service of the se Wednesday 24th February. Family flowers only. MARPLES - Richard
Ransford MSc (New
Zealand) BM (Oxon)
FRCPath. Died, aged 54,
peacefully at home on 12th
February, Cremation at
Cheltenham Friday 19th
February at 12.30 pm. No
Bowers, Donations if
desired to St Luke's
Hospics, 50 Harrow View,

MATHESON - William Alla Cunningham CB, CMG, MBE, aged 82, suddenly a home on 12th February. Beloved husband of Elizabeth and most dear father of Alexander and Khoderick. Service at Mortilike Crumstorium at 11 am Friday 19th It am Friday 19th
February to which all his
friends are most welcome.
All flowers to Fredk. W.
Pains tal: (0181) 994-0056.

MEER-On 11th February peacetally in London, Mariann, aged 84. Much loved wother and granny. Funeral Service at Swiss Church, London on 22nd February at 11.00m. Family flowers only but donations if wished to Swiss Church, 79 Endell Street, London WC2.

MORLEY - Cooff Denis C.R.E. on 14th February 1999 aged 37, peacafully after a short illness. Beloved Instrand of the late Ninki, father of David and grandfather of Charlotte and Nicholss. Cremation of Chichester Crematorium or Crematura in Chemical Company of Charlotte and Chichester Crematorium or Cremat Crematorium on Wednesday 24th February

PLAYER - It was sadly learnt on February 10th that Bill Player lost his life in Zimbebwe on January 20th. No letters by

REES - Robert Noel, MA
(Oxon). Son of the late Mr
and Mrs H D Rees of
Penarth. Formerly of the
Secretary's Office, Bank of
Engiand. After a series of
health probleme, died in
his sleep on the morning of
Sunday 14th February, at
his home in Hampsteed,
aged 63. A truly intented,
aged 64. A truly intented,
aged 65. A truly intented
and lovable man adored by
all who knew him. For
details of his funeral
contact John Schofield on
0171 794 2500. All
welcome.

RUCK - Ivonne Marie
Rougier, on February 14th
widow of the inte Cecil
Percy James Rook, C.B.E.
Funeral at St. Andrews
Church, Limpsfield Chart
on Wednesday 24th of
February at 2.00pm,
followed by private
cremation. Flowers or
Donations, if desired, to
Cancer Research, c/o S.
Smith and Son, 127.
Lingfield Road,
Edenbridge, Kent, TNS
SDY, 01732 862117.

NALSHE - Peter Fran WALSHE - Peter Francis.
very suddenly on February
18th 1999 at home to
Wischester, aged 80.
Hesbend of Mary, leving
father and grandfather,
greatly nissed. Funeral
Wednesday, 24th
February, 12.15pm at St
Peter's Winchester.
Donations, if desired, to St
Joseph's Hospice, Mare
Street, London ER.

WATTS - Margaret passed away poscelully on 13th February 1999, at Greengates Nursing Home, Oxford, aged 96 years, formerly a music teacher at Haberdashers - Asico's School, Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium, on Monday 22nd February, at 2.15pm. Flowers and anguiries to Recess & Pais, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, tal 01865 242529.

WHEALE - On Fabruary 11th
1989, peacefully in
hospital, aged 66 years.
The Reverend Canon Dr
Geraid ("Gerry") Wheale.
The dearly loved houband
of Jean, and much loved
father of Simon, Sarah and
Jonathan and grandfather
of Joseph. The service will
be ledd at St James's
Church, Moss Side,
Manchester on Monday
22nd February at 1.30pm,
followed by interment at
Southern Cemetery.
Flowers or, if desired,
donations to The Stroke
Association, c/o The
Funeral Directors: R
Pupperdime & Sons Ltd,
Alexandra House,
Manchester Road,
Choriton-ctim-Hardy,
Manchester M21 9JG. Tel
0161 831 5362.

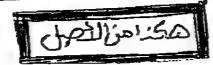
WRIGHT - Margaret on 14th
February 1999 died
peacefully aged 88 years.
Much loved wife of the late
Maylin. Mother of
Jeunifer, Jane and
Richard. Service at All
Seints Church, Lund on
Saturday 20th February at
2 pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COMMELL - A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Dr. Philip Connell CBE will be held at 1200 noon on Wednesday 3rd March 1999 in the Chapel of the Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monkt Orchard Road, Beckenham, Kent. All friends are welcome.

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MASH - A Service of Memorial and Thenksgiving for the life of Josedyne Marion Nash will be held at Turvey Parish Church, Bedfordshire on Seturday 17th April at 2.00pm.



JOHN EHRLICHMAN

Johr Ehrlichman Whitelouse aide to side Richard Nixon Jed on Ibruary 15 aged 73. Heas born on Mrch 20, 1925.

oh Ehrlichman and H. & Haldeman, Preside Nixon's chief courtierand grim keepers of the poals of the White House, ere hated for their arrogars well before they took the leading roles in the Waterge scandal. Both paid for the involvement by terms

in jail. . Ehrlhman was involved in Waterge right from the start. He waput in overall charge of the white House special investigations "dirty tricks" unit—the so-called "plumbers" - who organised the breakn at the Democratic Nation Committee at the stense in Washington on rane 7 1972. The intention. was preplace a telephone huggin device installed in a previou break-in, which was not wiking. The intruders, howeve were caught by a securifguard.

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As fxon's chief domestic policyldviser. Ehrlichman. along ith the White House Chief of Staff, Haldeman, greathoutributed to the paranoia the White House and to Non's isolation from reality.

Deste the landslide re-election tory that Nixon won in 1972 white House still felt beleasered and was fully preped to engage in crimi-nal tivities to foil its enemies/ho included most critics the conduct of the Vietm War. Watergate was the of the iceberg of these actives, and Nixon had little timeo celebrate his election before the scandal

Airst the Watergate breakin as brushed aside as "a



Ehrlichman testifying to the Senate Watergate Committee in 1973

third-rate burglary by Not-on's press spokesman. But the scandid soon raced out of hand when Nixon desperately began a cover-up to save the necks of his "President's men".

His efforts began to collapse when the baby-faced John Dean, the White House counsel, began to suspect that Ebrlichman and Haldeman were setting him up as the fall guy to take the blame for the cover-up. When it was learnt that Dean was secretly pleabargaining with investigators for a reduced prison sentence, Ehrlichman became the overseer of the cover-up, notoriously advising Nixon to allow the acting director of the FBI to

take the blame - and to leave him "twisting slowly, slowly in the wind".

But Dean's testimony blew the scandal wide open, and Nixon realised that he would have to sacrifice his aides if he was to survive. In late April 1973 he called Ehrlichman and Haldeman to his mountain retreat at Camp David to ask for their resignations, knowing that they would be convicted for Watergate crimes.

In July 1974 Ehrlichman In Ehrlichman's account of was convicted on charges of obstructing justice, conspirary and perjury. He served 18 his meeting with the President, Nixon sobbed uncontrollably and said his dismissals months in prison before being of the pair was like cutting off released on parole. Nixon had once promised Ehrlichman and Haldeman that they my arms". Nixon said that the night before he "almost

presidential adviser at Nixon's personal invitation. But after his trial he was to say: "I felt that every bit of pride, integrity, the winning I had strived for all my professional life had

been stripped from me."
In an interview some years after his release he acknowledged that he had been proud and vain", but said that he had come out of the ordeal with "a curious sense of freedom".

would never go to jail. But on the eve of his resignation in

August 1974 they appealed to the President to grant them a pardon before he resigned.

Nixon rejected that plea.

John Daniel Ehrlichman

was born in Tacoma. Washing-

ton. He graduated from the University of California at Los

Angeles in 1948, after wartime

service as a navigator in the 8th Air Force. In 1951 he took a law

degree at Stanford. He then

embarked on his career with a

At 43 he thought he was living the American dream when he became the top

Seattle law firm.

leged his guilt but wanted the chapter closed. After his release he moved first to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and then to Atlanta. He became a radio commentator, and drew on his inside knowledge of politics in a number of novels. He also wrote a memoir. Witness to Power: The Nixon Years (1983).

Having been a 6st 3in, 15stone figure of fear in the White House - referred to by his enemies as Nixon's Nazi grard - Ehrlichman transformed himself after his release from prison into a relaxed, easygoing and friendly man with a fatherly beard.

His first and second marriages ended in divorce. He is survived by his third wife Karen Hilliard, and by four sons and two daughters.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER HORACE TAYLOR

Lieutemani-Commander Horace Taylor, GC. MBE, wartime bomb disposal officer, died on January 17 aged 90. He was born on October 23, 1908.

HORACE TAYLOR had the unusual distinction of being recommended for the George Cross by the Air Ministry although he was serving as a sub-lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve at the time. He had successfully defused a German parachute mine close to RAF Uxbridge in September 1940. It was only his second bomb-disposal job but he extracted the fuses

The Luftwaffe late-summer daylight bombing offensive against London had failed, with severe losses of aircraft. But from September 9 the bombers of Luftflotte 3, based in northern France, attacked London for 57 nights without pause. More than 90 per cent

without fuss.

of the bombs exploded on impact, bringing death and destruction, especially to the In later years he acknowdense housing areas of the East End. The remainder did not explode and this residual sinister threat led to the demand for skilled bomb-disposal squads with steady nerves and hands. Horace Taylor came to this

exacting work from an unlikely background, yet he was both intellectually and temperamentally well-suited to it. Turned down for seagoing operations when he volunteered for the Royal Navy because of his eyesight, he wrote to the Admiralty and explained the experise he could bring to bear. This eventually led to a course in mine clearance at the Navy's torpedo school, HMS Vernon at Portsmouth. The interviewing officer doubtless assessed Taylor's aptitude for meticuious analysis under pressure but must also have perceived. by the twinkle in his eye, that Although defusing the bomb at Uxbridge was cited for his award of the George Cross, his first job had been infinitely more dramatic. A parachute-delivered land-mine had landed across the

gateway of a North London hospital holding 2,000 casualties, many of whom had been evacuated with the British Expeditionary Force from Dunkirk. Taylor identified the mine and knew that it had a fuse that would detonate 17 seconds after being triggered. His team dug a small "funk hole" in the ground at just the distance from the mine which



Taylor reckoned he could

reach in emergency. Booby-traps were a standard hazard so, having located the fuse, he held it in position with a stick to which was attached a length of string. While he walked to the funk hole, from where he intended to pull the string and free the fuse, there was a loud explosion. Luckily it was only the fuse detonating - the main charge was left intact. In his relief Taylor blew his whistle indicating "all safe" somewhat prematurely. This brought a flock of hospital nurses and onlookers around him to congratulate him and collect bits of the mine and parachute as souvenirs.

He kept no personal record of how many bombs and mines he and his small support team disarmed in and around London in late 1940. The citation for his George Cross covered the period from September 26 to October 17 and he would have comple several bomb disposals each

As the Blitz continued Taylor and his small team were deployed to the south coast ports, which the Luftwaffe found easier targets than London and inland cities.

Once, while working on a landmine in the attic of a tenement block, he suddenly realised that the defusing procedure had gone wrong He had just time to leave the attic when the bomb exploded. It blew him clean out of the house and across into the next street, minus all his clothes and blinded by dust. His fascination with analysis remained paramount, however. He insisted on telephoning his supervising officer to explain what had gone wrong — for the safety of his and other bomb disposal teams — before he would accept a lift to

When the Blitz ended, thanks to the Luftwaffe being concentrated against Russia, Taylor turned to the mineclearing duty for which he had been crained. Subsequently he became one of the founder members of the Royal Naval

Clearance Divers. William Horace Taylor was educated at Manchester Grammar School and at one period worked on the administrative staff of Manchester Central Docks. After the war he became a travelling commissioner for the Sea Scouts and later, from 1952 to 1974, he was a Field Commissioner for the South West of England Scout Association.

He was appointed MBE for services to the Scout movement in 1973.

He married, in 1946, Joan Isabel Skaife d'Ingerthorpe. She predeceased him. He is survived by their son and three daughters.

SIR JAMES HILL

ör James Hill, former Conservative MP for outhampton Test, died serday aged 72. He was bin on December 21, 1926.

ADBUST backbench constitunty MP. James Hill lived as worked in, and was throughly identified with, the ga he represented in Parliannt. Though he never held gvernment office or wielded particular influence, be rade sure both in the House and in the letters columns of ewspapers that the affairs of outhampton always seemed b be part of the political and ocial agenda.

He was lucky in that the city's woes often appeared to be a paradigm of the problems of urban southern England. His campaigns against drunkenness in pubs, vandalism, prostitution and the iniquities of the Dock Labour Scheme found an echo in many a middle-class bosom in places far from the port town.

But although he was rightwing, Hill's conservatism was of a commonsense rather than doctrinal sort, and he was no

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little Englander. A prosperous pig-breeder, in his carlier days he had nevertheless been a cautious Europhile, hoping to wield some influence as the first British chairman of a major EEC committee. He was a strong supporter of the Channel Tunnel, at one time urging the use of European Bank funds to expedite its construction. And he consistently opposed the privatisation of the Ordnance Survey. His first tenure of the Southampton Test seat lasted

little longer than the life of the Edward Heath administration of 1970-74. He was defeated at the October 1974 election. at which Harold Wilson sought to improve on the parliamentary advantage he had achieved over Heath in February that year. He came back to Parliament with Margaret Thatcher's defeat of Labour in 1979 and held the Test seat until the Labour landslide of 1997 which swept him, too, from Parliament.

Stanley James Allen Hill was educated at Regent's Park. School, Southampton, and the North Wales Naval Training

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College, serving the latter part of the war as a signals officer in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. After the war he studied electronics at Southampton University and joined BOAC, training as a pilot and naviga tor. His BOAC career took him all over the world and at one stage he was seconded to the United Nations flying staff in Kashmir.

After leaving BOAC, in the 1960s he became a director in a Southampton firm of estate agents and property develop-

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èrs. He also became a pariner of Gunsfield Herd Pedigree Piggeries. From 1966 he served on Southampton City Council and in 1968 was adopted as prospective candi-. date for the Southampton Test parliamentary seat. In the election of 1970, which saw the defeat of Harold Wilson's Government by Edward Heath, he took the seat from the Labour MP. Robert Mirchell, by 1.802 votes.

prayed he would not wake up". Ehrlichman said he put his arms around the President

and said: "Don't think that

way." Nevertheless, he said he

told Nixon that he regretted

the President's decision, add-

ing: "I still leel I have done

nothing without your implied or direct approval." He added

that he asked only that Nixon would "explain all this to my

In Parliament he was soon airing local issues such as s'notamentus blight and the abuse of improvement grants by property developers, and was secretary of the Conservative backbench committee on housing and construction, 1971-73. He also spoke on European air transport and after being appointed a delegate to the European Parliament in 1973 he was given the chairmanship of its Regional Policy and Transport Committee, But he was out of the Commons by October 1974, narrowly beaten by Bryan Gould, having survived the Labour challenge of February that year.

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He had to content himself with the arena of local politics for the next five years until the return to government of the Conservatives under Margaret Thatcher made this seat always an indicator of overall electoral fortunes, a Tory prize once again. -

For the next 18 years he was one of those hardworking backbenchers who serve on select committees, in his case European Legislation (1979-84), Transport (1993-97) and Procedure (1993-97). Although largely to vent opinion, his one notable parliamentary success was to steer through a private Bill which gave pub landlords the power to ban violent thugs from pubs for periods of up to two years. It became law in 1930

By now he had become thoroughly disillusioned with the European Community, castigating its Parliament and the Common Agricultural Policy. But he continued to take an interest in the Council of Europe, sitting on its Political and Legal Affairs Committee for separate periods in the 1980s and 1990s, and serving as a government whip from 1980 to 1989.

Hill had held his seat with comfortabl€ margins of several thousands in the general elections of 1983 and 1987, but in 1992 the writing was on the wall with the stock of the Conservative Government falling rapidly. He held the seat that year but with his majority down to a perilous few hundred votes. In the general election of 1997 he was swept out of Parliament by a massive 13,684 votes. He had been knighted the previous year.

Thereafter he devoted all his time to his property interests and to breeding pedigree Large White pigs. Hill was a genial, convivial man who liked good company, dining He is survived by his wife

Ruby, and by two sons and three daughters.

JOYCE COOMBS Joyce Coombs, Anglican author and broadcaster, and former London Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union, died on January 17 aged 93. She was born on March 9, 1905.

here was a man with a quite

exceptional sense of humour.

JOYCE COOMBS was a devout Anglican in the High Church tradition. She made her name in the London diocese as a champion of the parochial system and of the city's Anglo-Catholic churches. In a wider sphere, she was an author who celebrated Anglo-Catholic church life in broadcasts, journalism and a number of highly readable books. She also had a distinguished career in voluntary social welfare work and as a pillar of the Mothers' Union.

She was the London Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union from 1946 to 1955 and for a short period was Central President. She served on Church Assembly and the General Synod from 1945 to 1985. In 1984, she was a London diocesan lay delegate to the World Council of Churches Assembly at Evanston in the United States, about which she voiced her criticisms on her return, much to the annoyance of the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher.

Joyce Coombs was educated Wolverhampton High School and Westfield College, London, where she read classics. Her family was poor, and illness and lack of money forced her to leave college at the end of her second year. For the year before her marriage in 1926 she worked at the Dockland Mayflower settlement, where the hopeless poverty prevailing in the East End horrified her. Later she became vice-chairman of



Finchley and Friern Barnet Council of Social Service and a member of the British Committee of the International Union of Family Organisations, of the Central Council for Wornen's Church Work, and of the Church of England Moral Welfare Council,

Her task as President of the London Diocese Mothers' Union was to revive its postwar life. Under her presidency, the membership rose from 10,000 to 15,000. The most remarkable feature of her presidency was her tremendous energy: she often spoke at four or five meetings a week, her inspiring speeches earning her a reputation as a fearless and outstand-

ing speaker. Her long and happy marriage to Eric Coombs provided the quiet centre of her life. Their open house at Finchley was a kind of Charing Cross of the Anglican Communion. It was no surprise to be greeted at breakfast by an overseas bishop, an American nun or a former member of the Foreign Legion down on his luck, while Joyce Coombs merrily dispensed porridge and rapid

repartee relevant to everyone's concerns.

in the early 1960s Coombs was invited to write a biogra-phy of the founder of the Mothers' Union. This appeared in 1965 as George and Mary Sumner, Their Life and Times. Encouraged by the response, she wrote other books, notably Judgment on Hatcham, which concerns the troubled incumbency of Father Tooth during the 1880s. and a biography of George Anthony Denison. She gathered her primary sources with great care, and all of her books share the same vivid observation of the period, a sharp wit and a sustained vitality. They give a view of Victorian Anglo-Catholicism which is fair to all parties and explains the strong passions which it

evoked Her husband died in 1977. Then, early in the 1980s, her sight began to fail. For one of her last speeches to the London Diocesan Synod - on parish life and the work of the clergy - she had to be led to the microphone. She then spoke in support of the work of the parishes, where she believed the real work of the Church was carried out.

A move to Bournenouth in 1987 enabled her to be near two of her sons and their families. She bore her increasing blindness with great fortitude.

In her last years, she wrote movingly for Thought for the Day about the effects of her blindness and about facing death. Her faith in God and her belief in the Catholicity of the Church of England never wavered. Her second son, Michael, died in June 1998 but she is survived by her other two sons, Roy and Martin, who is a priest.

TRESPASS IN ANTARCTIC

WESTMINSTER, Monday IN consequence of the challenge of Argentina and Chile in the Falkland Islands, steps are being taken by the Government to support the Governor of the Dependencies, Mr. McNeil, Minister of State, announced in the Hoose of Commons today. He was replying to a question by Mr. Sharp (Spen Valley, Lab.), who asked whether the Argentine Government had ceased or had promised to cease their acts of trespass.

Mr. McNeil said: No. sir, Argentine and

Chilean naval lorces are at present operating in British waters in the Falkland Island Dependencies, with the declared object of enforcing claims to sovereignty in this area. They have also landed parties and purport to rave set up military commands in British

His Majesty's Government consider the British title to the Falkland Islands Dependencies to be well founded, and have been willing that it should stand the test of international arbitration. In the protests which we made to the Argentine and Chilean Governments in December last we made it plain that we would accept the decision of the International Court.

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sovereignty over the Falkland Islands is a recurring one.

This offer has been rejected by both Governments, and we can only regard this as evidence that they have no confidence in their The Argentine Government have suggested instead that there should be some form of international conference. We are considering this proposal. His Majesty's Government are always ready to seek means of settlement by discussion in disputes which arise with friendly Governments, and have never closed the door to discussion of the Antarctic

The dispute over Britain's

question with the interested parties. That is one thing, but it is quite another when, in spite of our declared willingness to

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Peb. 16 - An official statement issued tonight by the Chilean Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Senor Manuel Trucco, said: Chile wishes to continue to seek a friendly settlement of the Antarctic dispute with Britain.—Remer.

see this question settled legally, ostentatious naval and other demonstrations are made in

the areas which we administer and which

everybody knows we consider to be British

territory. It should not be supposed that we that overlook the challenge to our authority.

Steps are being taken to ensure that the Governor of the Falkland Islands receives the

support he needs. (Renewed cheers.)

Rival claims in the Antarctic have long

existed, but it has never been thought

necessary by any of the Governments to create international ill-feeling or to arouse public opinion on the subject. Mr. Bevin hopes that

the Argentine and Chilean Governments will

share his desire to avoid provocation in this

CHILEAN STATEMENT

BRITISH CRUISER LEAVES FOR ANTARCTIC

It was stated in London last night that H.M. cruiser Nigeria had sailed from Simonstown

THE TIMES TODAY

Girl sets fire to herself

🛮 A 15-year-old schoolgirl set herself alight as hundreds of Kurdish protesters took to the streets in support of a group of compatriots who were occupying the Greek embassy in London. As Negla Kanteper was lifted into an ambulance she gave a victory sign and chanted "long live Kurdistan." Her life was saved by another demonstrator and police officers who chased her down the road and used their tunics to smother flames which were shooting from her clothes.....

Sainsbury backs out of food meetings

A Lord Sainsbury, the Science Minister, was accused of being a "lame duck" after announcing that he would leave government meetings whenever genetically modified food policy was raised. Conservatives claimed it was "ridiculous" that he had to

Yacht rescue

The French solo yachtswoman 1sabelle Autissier was rescued by a fellow competitor in the singlehanded round-the-world race, after her bout capsized in the Southern Ocean....

Racehorses killed Three racchorses were killed at

Sedgefield after they collided with loose horses running in the opposite direction.

Brit awards

Rohbie Williams emerged as a symbol of triumph over adversity. last night after overcoming drink and drug addiction to win three coveted Brit awards.....Page I

Executive approved

The Northern Ireland assembly set the scene for a showdown between Unionism and republicanism by approving the structure of the new executive...... Page 2

War crimes trial

The judge, counsel and jury of Britain's Central Criminal Court were led to a site in the middle of a Belarus wood where 3,000 Jews were stripped naked and machine-gunned...

The son of a former Tory mayor was convicted of murdering his mother in an "explosion of emotional violence" that was likened to a Greek tragedy Page 5

as a tropical paradise...

More abortions

The health scare over the Pill is causing a crisis of confidence among women, with the number of abortions still rising Page 6

Historic finger

The cast of a neolithic finger has helped a museum to solve a 5,000-year-old mystery: Stone Age man's fingerprints were the same as our own....

Labour row

Senior Labour MPs moved to prevent the Welsh party descending into civil war after the result next weekend of the bitterly divisive ballot on who should head the Cardiff assembly......Page 10

Kosovo defiance

A key commander in the Kosovo Liberation Army dismissed the possibility of disarming as part of any negotiated settlement that stopped short of giving full inde-

Nazi holiday

Josef Mengele, the war criminal who escaped at the end of the Secand World War, returned to Switzerland on holiday many times. apparently with the knowledge of

A Texas sheriff told a court how

he found a cigarette lighter with a

KKK emblem at the scene of the

murder of a black man... Page 14

Race murder

Winter beats the beaches III Given the choice between the palm-fringed beaches of the Bahamas and a wet winter in the West Country, most people would not think twice. But 19 technicians with Westland helicopters have turned down the chance to exchange the grey skies of Yeovil in Somerset for three months on an island described



BUSINESS

Approach rejected: Bardays has rejected an approach from Royal Bank of Scotland, made in the last few weeks, which would have led to a £35 billion merger Page 23 Budget surplus: Britain racked up a record surplus on the public finances in January, confirming that the Treasury is heading for a large budget surplus this year....Page 23 Banks raided: Eight banks in France. Germany, Italy and Spain were raided by European Commission officials as part of an investigation into charge-fixing since the launch of the euro...... Page 23 Markets: The FTSE 100 rose 98.10 to 6121.3. The pound rose 0.57 cents to \$1.6334 and 0.57p against the curo to 68.45p. The sterling index rose to 101.4 from 100.5..... Page 26

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Football: Arsenal travel to face Manchester United in an FA Carling Premiership fixture that recent history has shown to play a significant role in deciding the destiny of the championship Page 40 Rugby union: England have included Jonny Wilkinson, the 19-year-old Newcastle Falcons centre, in the team to play Scotland Page 44 Boxing: Naseem Hamed, who defends his WBO featherweight title against Paul Ingle in April, has announced a new six-bout deal thought to be worth more than \$120 ..Page 41 million. Sailing: After the rescue of Isabelle Autissier. France's leading yachtswoman, from the Southern Ocean. is the Around Alone Race really Page 42 worth the risk...

Thumbs down: Welsh National Opera's new production of Benjamin Britten's Peter Grimes, staged by the German director Peter Stein. misses the target, says Rodney Loud and clear: Purists may cry 'foul", but like it or not Tosca is going electric when microphones and loudspeakers arrive at the Albert Hall this week... Happy snapper: The Barbican Art

Gallery explores Picasso's fascination with the camera and how it influenced his art... Record breaker: Rob Becker made history in 1996 when his Defending

the Caveman became the longestrunning solo play in the history of Broadway. Now he is bringing it to

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James Coburn, left, Sissy

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Spacek and Nich Nolte

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credibility by questioning

almost all of the Bible's

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how the unsinkable Noah's Ark story continues to inspire scientific ex-

Just say no: Introducing a new series, Asha Phillips, a child psychotherapist trained at the Tavistock Clinic, explains how to say no to your child - whether a baby, a toddler, a primary school pupil or a

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when a marriage fails is lamenta-

ble, says Celia Brayfield.....Page 15

Still beating: Dr Michael DeBakey

is 90 years old but his hands are

steady enough for him to continue

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the area. So why are local residents

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The US Postal Service took the cigarette out of Jackson Pollock's mouth for his portrait of a new 33 cent stamp. While a spokesman insists this was a "design decision" that had nothing to do with the Government's anti-smoking campaign, the change is unsettling because it tells a lie, albeit a small one, about this master of abstract expressionism

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No Chancellor is ever really cand about taxes....

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8 Marching order brings front of regiment into view (4.5).

9 In place of orators, one contemp-tunus of amplification equipment? (S.6). 14 Is opposed to state making consid-

erate gesture to loser (4-5). 16 One approaching home with serious purpose (2.7) American author's coming out without one (i). 19 Quiet walk but an awkward one

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FORECAST

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E. SW. England, S. Wales, N. Wales, N.W. England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N. England: rain later, preceded by those on n.is. Light to moderate west to northwesterly word. Mar 90 (48F)

☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee: frost but bright start. Cloudier by afternoon Fresh northwesterly wind. Max 6C (43F). ☐ Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: very cold with sunny spells and heavy snow showers. Strong to

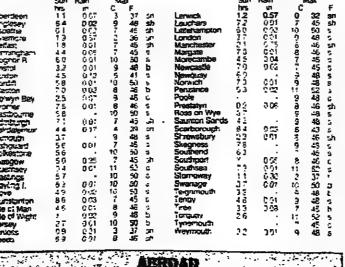
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AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY



ABROAD

- Warm front Cold front

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ScotTelecom Changes to chart below from noon: high A will see little change;



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Treasury on target for record budget surplus

By Janet Bush ECONOMICS EDITOR

BRITAIN racked up a record sur-plus on the public finances in January, confirming that the Treasury is heading for a large budget surplus

Treasury officials were at pains to play down the figures, clearly hoping to dampen down hopes of a Budget bonanza next month. However, City economists yesterday pre-

BARCLAYS has rejected an

approach from Royal Bank

have led to a £35 billion merg-

A meeting to discuss the

merger was scheduled for last

week but was called off at the

last moment ahead of the an-

nouncement that Bardays had

secured Bank of America's

Mike O'Neill as its new chief

The approach to Bardays

was made both by phone call

and letter from Sir George

Mathewson, Royal Bank's

chief executive, after the resignation of Martin Taylor. In

the merger, the proposed board structure would have

had Sir George as chief execu-

tive of the merged bank with Sir Peter Middleton, Bardays'

deputy chairman, as chair-

man. Fred Goodwin, from

Royal Bank, would have been

finance director, lain Robert

son of Royal Bank in charge of

retail operations and Chris

Lendrum of Barclays in

charge of the corporate side.

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er between the two banks.

Scotland which would

achieve a budget surplus for the tax year to the end of March of as much as £10 billion compared with the

Treasury's pre-Budget report projec-tion of £4.3 billion. The Office for National Statistics reported yesterday that Britain recorded a public sector net cash surplus of £12.4 billion in January. With only two months of the tax year to go, the Treasury has built up a surplus of £13.7 billion, an im-

RBS merger

plan rejected

by Barclays

BY CAROLINE MERRELL AND JASON NISSÉ

provement of £10 billion compared

with the same stage last year.

The strength of January's public finance performance was partly a re-sult of surging income tax receipts because of self-assessment but more to do with very low growth in public spending. Cumulative departmental spending so far this year is only 21 per cent higher than last year against a Treasury forecast of growth of nearly 5 per cent.

HSBC, said: "Such a favourable starting position means that the Chancellor could conceivably spend several billion pounds in the March Budget and yet still forecast that he will meet his fiscal rules with plenty

of room to spare." The City speculated that, despite the economic slowdown, which will inevitably mean that the public finances deteriorate from their healthy position, the Chancellor has enough money to deliver his

promise of a 10p starting rate of in-

come tax.
The ONS also published inflation figures for January that showed un-derlying inflation, excluding mortgage interest payments, had remained at 26 per cent, just above the Government's target of 25 per cent. Headline inflation fell to 24 per

cent in January from 28 per cent in December, reflecting cuts in mongage rates. Consumer prices, using the standard European measure. nudged up to 1.6 per cent from 1.5 per cent in December.

The City had expected underlying inflation to fall back to target in January given evidence of aggressive discounting in the new year sales. Treasury officials noted that the data had been collected a week later than last year, by which time many sales had already finished. Another reason keeping the index up was a rise in the price of potatoes which had sent up frozen chip prices.

Boots foots

£63m bill

for share

scheme

By Sarah Cunningham and Graham Searjeant

COMPANIES will face in-

creasing pressure from share-

holders to come clean about

the cost of financing their op-

tions schemes following a deci-

sion by Boots, the high street

pharmacist, to take a charge of

Boots is setting up a qualify-

ing employee share ownership

trust (QUEST) which will hold

and distribute shares connect-

ed to its save-as-you-cam (SAYE) scheme. The £63 mil-

lion charge this year - likely to be an annual £20 million in

future years - will be for the

purchase in the market of

enough shares, at 900p per

share, to satisfy all existing

Boots said it had decided

that buying shares, rather

than issuing new ones, is pref-

erable as it avoids diluting

Richard Regan, head of in-

simenis ai the Association o

British Insurers, applauded

the move. "We welcome any

move which sees companies

recognising the cost of op-

tions," he said. An institution-

al shareholder said that he

would be raising the issue

with other companies follow-

Accountants pointed out

that the approach taken by

Boots is suited to a company

with a large amount of cash at

its disposal and modest expan-

sion plans. Many other compa-

nies want to invest whatever

cash they have in acquisitions

or organic growth. The disad-

vantage to a company of ac-

quiring the shares is that it

hits the bottom line. If new

shares are issued, the costs are

passed straight to reserves.

ing the Boots move.

existing shareholdings.

SAYE options.

£63 million this year.

David Thompson, finance di-

rector, said "We should not be

deterred by the accounting

treatment from doing what is

Efforts to make accounting

rules on executive options reflect

the true cost to shareholders

have so far come to little either

in the UK or in America, where

authorities tried to cost all op-

DTI seeks evidence

of pay moderation

THE DEPARTMENT of

Trade and Industry is to scruti-

nise the next round of compa-

ny annual meetings for evi-

dence that directors are start-

ing to moderate pay awards.
It will be looking for tougher

performance targets as it pre-

pares action against board-

roomi excesses. Stephen Byers

Trade and Industry Secretary.

is preparing to make it easier

for shareholders to vote on re-

muneration packages. The

move follows a series of high-

chief executive of Bardays.

tions for accounting purposes.

right for shareholders."

Business Today

Hands off pay Banks lead the way



Janet Bush spells out her fears on the euro before

joining the fight

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profile pay awards such as the London close \$285.25 (\$289.50) £7 million package to the new denotes midday trading prices Exchange rates

The Accounting Standards Board is starting a study to examine treatment of share options in the same context as rights issues, share buyback and other changes in share capital. Shares in Boots rose 3215p to

a reaction to the new policy.

926kp as it purchased shares in the market. Analysts said the rise was technical, rather than

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ECONOMICS EDITOR

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v	of the high street banks wa
16	some 20 per cent lower than

Barclays.

Sir Peter said that full de-

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ScotTelecom chief leaves EU officials raid banks

By CHRIS AYRES

41.2%

THE managing director of Scottish-Telecom yesterday abruptly left the company ahead of its expected £2 billion stock market flotation. Rod Matthews. 56. is credited

with creating ScottishTelecom. a division of ScottishPower, from scratch in 1994. He also played a big part in ScottishTelecom's acquisition last May of Demon Internet. Britain's largest Internet service provider, for £66 million.

ScottishPower yesterday gave no reason for the departure of Mr Matthews, who was not a board member, and refused to disclose his compensation package. However, it s expected to be worth several hun-

They may have felt that he was the

wrong kind of guy to run a quoted telecoms company. My understanding was that he was a good man but that his face just did not fit." Shares in the company yesterday rose 8p to

ScottishPower has appointed Bill Allan, former chief executive of Cable & Wireless's regional business-es, to replace Mr Matthews, Mr Allan, who is 45, was described by one insider yesterday as "much more conventional" than Mr Matthews. Although ScottishPower has so

far refused to confirm that it is preparing to float ScottishTelecom, it yesterday gave its strongest hint yet that a deal is on the cards.

It said: "ScottishPower has recently appointed Goldman Sachs to explore the options open to optimise value for ScottishPower shareholders from its tment in ScottishTelecom. The review is at a preliminary stage, and an announcement will be made if and when appropriate."

trishPower believes that ScottishTelecom could become as valuable as Energis, the telecoms division of the National Grid that was floated 15 months ago. It is now

Demand for Internet services from both businesses and consumers has resulted in telecoms companies being given enormous valuations. However, analysts yesterday said that ScottishTelecom's assets were not as attractive as those of Energis or other operators such as COLT Telecom, because they include a mobile phone reselling business.

EIGHT banks in France, Germany, Italy and Spain were raided by European Commission officials yesterday as part of an investigation into charge-fixing since the launch of the

Karel Van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, said he had authorised the raids after complaints that banks were conspiring to fix fees on foreign exchange and international payments amid concerns that con-

umers are paying excessive charges. Mr Van Mierr said: "There could have been agreements and co-operation between banks which could have gone as far as fixing of charges on change operations and costs on international payments after the in-

troduction of the euro. "We will see if procedures have By RICHARD MILES

been engaged in, which violate European competition regulations. It is a very clear warning. Competition must take place." He named the banks as Deutsche

Bank, Dresdner, Crèdit Agricole, Société Générale, Banca Commerciale Italiana, Cassa di Risparmio delle Province Lombarde, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya and Argentaria, Corp Bancaria de España.

The banks could face fines of up to 10 per cent of their deposit base if officials uncover evidence of a carrel. Officials have also raided the European Banking Federation in Brussels in connection with their investi-

News of the raids came at a special parliamentary hearing into al-leged overcharging by banks. Christa Randzio-Plath, chairman of the parliamentary committee, said she had discovered that in Germany different banks were charging the same fees, and that the same went

Officials are also looking into complaints that some banks are refusing to accept cheques denominated in euros. The Commission will investigate whether there is an understanding or cartel between banks to

refuse such cheques. Société Générale last night confirmed it had been raided by two EU officials and a representative of the French Finance Ministry. The bank said it expected the investigation to last 48 hours. Deutsche Bank confirmed it had received a similar depuration, but denied all the charges.

ONS jobs threatened by review

By JANET BUSH

HUNDREDS of jobs are under threat at the Office for National Statistics after a review published yesterday identified potential savings of £20 mil-lion a year, a fifth of the ONS

The review by KPMG, the accountants, commissioned by the Treasury last year, suggested that, as part of a continuing drive for efficiency, 350 jobs at the ONS could be cut with a further 680 transferred to the private sector. However, it stopped short of recommending that data collection should be contracted out to the private sector, as some had expected.

KPMG said implementation of the efficiency plan would probably cost \$2 million over the next year but would generare savings of almost £12 mil-lion in 3000-01, increasing to £20 million a year by 2002-03. Patricia Hewitt, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said she would consult unions before reacting to the recommenda-



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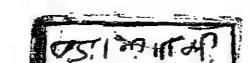
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RJB talks fail to

A strike at four of RJB Mining's collieries could begin on Monday after talks with one of the main unions yesterday failed to avert a walkout.

halt strike

Richard Budge, chief executive, has three more days to produce a fresh pay offer to stop the action by the Union of Democratic Mineworkers. The union last week voted 56.1 per cent in favour of a strike in protest at an imposed fiveyear pay deal of inflation minus I per cent.

Free Virgin Net Virgin Net, the Internet service provider partly owned by Richard Branson's Virgin Communications and NTL Britain's third-largest cable company, is today expected to launch a free Internet service. The move follows the success of Freeserve, the

free Internet service recent-

ly launched by Dixons.

Littlewoods

Jim Michie, the former finance director of Littlewoods, has not, as previously stated, retired from the company. Mr Michie remains on the board as corporate development director in charge of change management in the group. Littlewoods' new finance director is Alan White, formerly of N Brown.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Bank	Bank
	Buys	Sells
Australia S	2.66	2.48
Austria Sch	21.10	19.44
Belgum Fr	62.13	57.17
Canada S	2.567	2.379
Cyprus Cyp E	0.8907	0.8192
Denrark W	11.45	10.58
	5.77	5.16
Eg.pt		
Finland Mikk	9.24	8.49
France Fr	10.05	9.27
Germany Dm	3.020	2.778
Greece Dr	497	458
Hong kong S	13.48	12.28
keeland	128	108
Indonesia	17807	12807
ireland Pt	1.2051	1.1161
Israel Shk	6.96	6.30
Italy Lira	3004	2767
Japan Yen	208.05	190.52
Mata	0.668	0.609
Nertherids Gld	3.410	3.115
199w Zeeland B	3.17	2.94
Norway Kr	13.19	12.25
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Hats off: John Morgan, chief executive of Morgan Sindall, the specialist regional construction group, which increased its pre-tax profits 34 per cent to £9.76 million in 1998 on turnover that improved 28 per cent to £425 million. The group's earnings rose 35 per cent to 22.15p a share. The total dividend is lifted to 6.5p a share from 5.25p, with a final 4.45p.

ECB's refusal to cut rates angers euroland ministers

million of punitive tariffs against Europe in the long-running banana

Brussels is challenging the legality

of section 301 of America's 1974 Trade

Act. According to officials in Brussels,

it sets the US Administration on a uni-

questing an investigation into the lateral timetable to trade sanctions illegal domestic US legislation on

BY SAEED SHAH

THE European Central Bank has again set itself on a collision course with euroland's leading politicians by refusing to accept a case for immediate cuts in interest rates.
Its monthly bulletin, pub-

lished yesterday, claimed that monetary and financial conditions "are favourable for sustained growth of output and employment in the euro area in line with price stability".

This is in sharp contrast to the regular warnings of eco-nomic slowdown by the French and German finance ministers. Oskar Lafontaine, the German Finance Minister.

BY CARL MORTISHED

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

THE European Union will launch

another legal attack in the transatiantic trade war with the US at the World

Trade Organisation. Brussels is re-

warned the ECB again on Friday that "playing a waiting game is an exceptionally hazardous strategy". He said that both jobs and growth were under threat from deflation.

He also raised the stakes with the ECB by threatening to break the Stability Pact — if It did not respond with lower rates — by boosting demand through the fiscal route. The ECB has consistently

said that it would need to see clear signs of deflation before cutting its lending rate. Yesterday's bulletin, and recent comments by Wim Duisenberg. the ECB's President, sees "the continuation of favourable prospects for price stability in the euro area", with healthy credit growth suggesting a lack of deflationary risks. The clash of views sets the

stage for a tense meeting of the ECB governing council tomorrow, the formightly forum at which rates are decided. In a Reuters poll of ten econ-

omists, none expected a rate cut from the ECB, although nine of the ten anticipated a rate cut "later this year". Also working against a rate cut is the euro's weakness against the dollar. Yesterday it

fell to record lows of \$1.1161, a decline of more than 6 per cent from its launch high of \$1.1906 on January 4.

Robin Aspinall, chief Euro-

Brussels fights American law in WTO

pean economist at National Australia Bank, said the ECB would have to cut rates eventually because there was no sign of any inflationary danger. He said that the ECB was re-

sisting a cut because it distrusted the fiscal discipline of Europe's politicians. He said that the ECB deliberately kept its inflation target vague, as simply "below 2 per cent", so that it would not be beholden to the bidding of politicians once it meets its target.

The ECB is also known to think that interest rate cuts will not have much effect on unemployment. It favours structural reform of the labour market to reduce unemployment.

today's request to establish a panel on section 301 at the WTO's Dispute Sct-

tlement Body. However, such a move would merely shift the request to a lat-

Brussels appears to be running a

campaign against what it regards as

Japan acts to reduce strength of yen

BY ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

JAPAN yesterday acted to rein in galloping long-term interest rates and weaken the yen by announcing plans to resume bonds while cutting back new issuance of ten-year bonds.

The announcement, which sent Japan government bonds (JGB) and the yen sliding, and boosted share prices, marked a change of tack by the Minis-try of Finance, which had previously favoured a strong yen.

Kiichi Miyazawa, Finance Minister, said the MoF would reduce its planned March issue of ten-year JGBs by Y400 billion (£2.09 billion) and instead issue a similar amount of two-year and six-year bonds, which would be more easily absorbed by investors.
Secondly, Mr Miyazawa
said the Ministry's Trust Fund Bureau would resume buying up outstanding government bonds.

Fears of a glut in the govern-ment bond market had sent bond prices reeling. The concerns were triggered by the Government's plan to issue Y30 trillion in fresh debt in the coming fiscal year to fund mas-sive economic stimulus spend-

Band prices were pushed sharply lower by December's announcement that the Trust Fund Bureau, which manages postal savings and public pension premiums, would no long-er play its traditional role of principal JGB buyer.

Mr Miyazawa's announcement yesterday gave an immediate lift to JGB prices. The benchmark yield plunged at one point to 1.86 per cent, down more than a quarter of a percentage point, and closed

ca's 1916 Anti-Dumping Act, claiming

that it breaches WTO rules because it

allows US federal courts to impose

criminal penalties on importers found

guilty of dumping. US steel producers have been using the 1916 Act to file

Steel troubles, page 27

ers for unfair competition.

RAC strategy sparks shake-up at AA

THE Automobile Association will have to consult its 45 million members if it receives a takeover offer or its executives choose to seek to float Britain's largest motoring organisation. At a meeting of the AA yesterday, a motion was passed ensuring that all matters that a listed company would normally put to their shareholders would have to be voted on, by post, by all AA members. The AA is, like a building society, a mutual organisation owned by its members, although there have been fears that the executive could make fundamental changes to the company simply on a show of hands of members attending the annual meeting.

The move comes in the light of the high-profile, on-off strategy for the future of the Royal Automobile Club. After its controversial agreed sale to Cendant was called off because of competition fears the RAC is now aiming for a flotation.

Firms off shame list

THE remaining 21 top investment companies on the "name and shame" list set up by the Government over the 1980s pension mis-selling scandal were yesterday removed from it. The Personal Investment Authority said they had made enough progress in clearing up priority cases, in which the pension holder has already retired or has died. Of the 41 big groups involved in the scandal, 29 had a New Year's Eve deadline to sort out 90 per cent of priority cases, but only eight met it.

Gala's bingo success

BINGO, a once moribund sector, is alive and kicking, according to figures from Gala Clubs. Britain's biggest operator. The independently owned group lifted profits by 22 per cent to £29.1 million last year, with like-for-like admissions up 1 per cent - the first rise since the launch of the National Lottery and scratchcards. Gala. a EZ79 million buyout from Bass a year ago, will be further boosted by the acquisition in July of Ritz Biogo for £36 million, taking its clubs to almost 150.

Cadoro chief goes

EGON VON GREYERZ, the executive chairman of Cadoro. the troubled Capolito Roma retail chain, yesterday left the company as it emerged that Victory Corporation, the Virgin clothing and toiletries wholesaler, had moved to clear its £1.97 million bank debts. He also resigned as a non-executive director of Victory, of which he has been a director since Virgin took a 10 per cent Cadoro stake last year. Victory is currently conducting due diligence with a view to taking over Cadoro.

Accountants back Bill

A SPECIMEN Bill to allow limited liability partnerships for accountants and other professionals has won approval from the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee (TISC). Graham Ward, vice-president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, welcomed the TISC report. It argues for looser eli-gibility rules that would allow, for instance, the advice arms of accountancy firms to have limited liability.

Leeds & Holbeck rise

LEEDS & HOLBECK Building Society reported a 36 per cent rise in mortgage lending to a record £538 million in 1998, almost doubling in two years. Savings balances also rose by a record £278 million to £2.46 billion and total assets increased by 9 per cent to £3.12 billion in the year to December 31, Pretax profits rose 26 per cent to £24.1 million. The building society resisted attempts to convert to a bank in January.

powerful American legislation that powerful American legislation that that contravenes World Trade Organi-has enabled the US to threaten £500 sation rules. The US is likely to block launched a challenge against Ameritrade. Last June the European Union AN EXCLUSIVE OFFER THE FIIGSS 1937 A FREE swim for two



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Pal overnment ministers do not have their pay linked to productivity, despite their enthusiastic adherence to the principle on behalf of the rest of us. But if they were to be rewarded for every time they voiced concern over the level of directors' pay, several members of the Cabinet could be heading to

wards millionaire status by now.
Stephen Byers is the latest to indulge in the "fat cat" clubbing routine. The Trade and Industry Secretary is issuing veiled threats that companies had better start exercising restraint on salaries, or else. Or else what? That is the problem that has left ministers merely mouthing their rhetoric while remuneration con-

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sultants leverage up their fees.
Mr Byers's brainwave is, apparently, to try to persuade the Stock Exchange to alter its rules so that shareholders would have to vote each year on the remuneration of individual directors. Has Mr Byers ever sat through the proceedings at a typical agm? If so, he would not have much ex-pectation of his idea producing radical change. Rarely do the hands not go up on cue, whether to accept the dividend, approve the over-paid auditors or congratulate the chairman. The real shareholder power, of course, is exercised well away from the public meetings when major investors tell companies what they think and expect directors to lis-ten. Failure to do so may be toler-

Byers goes 'fat cat' clubbing

ated for a time but, eventually, results in the sort of action we have seen recently at Sears and Mirror Group.

Institutional investors do not Institutional investors do not share the Government's distaste for hefty pay packets. The multi-million pound deal offered to Mike O'Neill was greeted with an instant upturn in the share price, even though it included, in the first year, that antithesis of performance-related pay, a guaranteed bonus. Investors have realised that in the alphal expoalised that, in the global economy, salaries cannot be restrained to the levels that the TUC would advocate. That might not please Mr Byers but, apart from insisting on the annual vote, what can he do? Legislation restricting the level of pay rises would cripple companies' rights to manage their businesses. Radicals might suggest another remedy to Mr Byers: a higher rate of income

tax to hit the fat cats. All the investors want to see is results: and the assurance that they can rely on the figures they are seeing. To that end Boots is to be congratulated on laying bare the cost of its share option scheme. It has already abandoned the executive version but a quarter of its staff benefit from



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the SAYE version. Now the full cost of the obligations this confers on the company will be plain to see. Investors will be keen to see other companies follow, not least because of the buy-back it in-volves, but could be disappoint-ed. Pressure should be put upon them. Options are effectively deferred remuneration costs. That they can be hidden at the moment can store up nasty surprises for the future.

Barclays' royal prerogative

hen Barclays had no chief executive, no fi-nance director and was calling a one-time spin doctor out of retirement to be caretaker chairman, it suddenly looked an alluring partner in the great bank merger stakes for any rival with a decent settled management. There would be no problem deciding who should fill the top jobs in the merged entity. As Glaxo can confirm, this is the key issue in mergers, whatever the fi-nancial or industrial logic. Royal Bank of Scotland may

not have been the only suitor. It is certainly not the first you would think of. Even in dog days on Lombard Street, Royal has less than half the market value of its temporarily rudderless rival. More to the point, it is Scottish. Had it not been of that ilk, Royal

would not exist, it would have merged with Standard & Char-tered back in 1980, or have been taken over against its wishes by HSBC, depending on how Nero-like the old Governor of the Bank of England was feeling towards his upstart colonial charges. In the event, the Monopolies

and Mergers Commission ve-toed both deals on the ground that Scotland needed its own banks if it was to prosper as more than a branch-factory economy. That argument divided both Scots and others at the time.

There is nothing the Scottish fi-nancial establishment likes better than selling its granny for a groat. The arguments have scarcely changed since.

If anyone bridges the national and financial divide, it is Sir George Mathewson, boss of Royal Bank and icon of Scottish development. Sir George felt that he could avoid being asked to drink tartan hemlock by taking the initiative and, in effect, making a reverse takeover of Barclays, perhaps with a little help from his Spanish allies at Banco Santander, temporarily distracted with their own do-

mestic mega-merger.
Regional banks such as rival
Bank of Scotland still have a role. For bigger fry such as Barclays, however, the drive for consolidation is compelling. As Barclays had abandoned any grand ambitions under Martin Taylor, the choice was to become the UK end of someone else's global bank or a bigger part of an essentially Anglo-Saxon financial group. Royal

Bank, with its Big English, North American and insurance interests, is somewhere in between. It deserved to be taken se-

riously, not be put down. Sir Peter Middleton, the masterful new chairman of Barclays, has some spinning to do to his own shareholders.

Gordon's readies reckoner

he Chancellor has been carefully husbanding our resources. His tax collectors have been taking more of our money from us and he has been frugal in what he has doled out to other ministers to give back to us. The result is yesterday's whack-ing surplus in the PSBR.

The markets were surprised by the figures. After all, Mr Brown has done significantly better than his own forecasts, con-tained in the pre-Budget report made only last November. Perhaps the Treasury model needs retuning if, by the end of January, the picture can look so different to the one on which Mr Brown had been working.

But the result is that he will be able to step up to the despatch

box next month with some readies to hand out to voters. The 10p starting rate for income tax would now be within his budget. He could even do it without abolishing the married couples allowance or mortgage interest relief. Far better, however, to throw a few scare stories into the market place first so that, on the day. middle Britain can breathe a sigh of relief. It has already al-lowed Mr Brown to snaffle hilhons from its back pocket virtual-

ly without protest.
The ACT trick, however, is one that cannot be repeated. It was a nifty way of swelling the Govern-ment coffers but balancing the books will prove harder in the future, as corporate profits plunge and the one-off benefits of the move to self assessment fade. He cannot be too generous.

Number crunch

PETER Ellwood, of Lloyds TSB, who knows about purging counting houses, and KPMG, which likes outsourcing information technology to firms like itself, have advised what you might ex-pect for the Office for National Statistics. The carrot is that ONS would keep the £20 million a year projected savings to sharpen its services. If they believe that, they'd believe Gordon Brown, ONS had better make sure it has enough statisticians left to count out 1,030 staff no

Sema eases City misgivings with on-target results

Commissions back of SEMA, the London-listed information technology group headed by the enigmatic Frenchman Pierre Bonelli, yesterday reported upbeat fullyear financial results, but said it had still not made a move into the American market.

The company said last year that it was prepared to spend up to \$1 billion (£600 million) on a US acquisition as it sought to narrow the gap with big competitors such as EDS, Andersen Consulting and IBM. Although Sema pleased the

City with on-target results yesterday, it came under fire from some analysts over its increased emphasis on producing software products. The company's main activi-

ties are outsourcing and systems integration, and it has recently won big contracts with Societé Générale and the are mainly telecoms companies and financial institutions, with the company recently scaling down its interests in the defence markets.

Sema has enjoyed some success with its products - which include pre-pay billing systems for mobile phone companies - but the division has not yet made a profit. The company yesterday vowed that the di-vision would be profitable by next year, and would help the company win new, long-term systems integration contracts.

However, George O'Conner. an IT analyst at Granville, the broker, said yesterday: "This could be seen as a change of personality in Sema. Most people invest in the company because of its systems integration and outsourcing services. There is a premium on IT services, not IT products. With more emphasis on products, Sema becomes a riskier propo-



sition, and vulnerable to sudden shifts in technology."

Sema - whose main shareholders include France Télécom and the French bank Paribas - reported a 31 per cent rise in pre-tax profits on continuing activities for the year ended December 31 from £57 million to £75 million, on sales of £1.2 billion, up 19 per cent from £990 million. Earnings per share rose 30 per cent from 9.4p to 12.2p.

M Bonelli yesterday de-scribed 1998 as "an intense and pivotal year. He said: "Sema, while delivering very strong performances, has reshaped itself to concentrate on its chosen high-growth markets and to continue to exploit its unique positioning as a provider of a complete range of services."

He added that Sema's faster its strong order book and strong cash position, were "indicators of future growth". Sema will pay a final dividend of 1.46p on July I, up from 1.12p, bringing the total payment for the year to 2.3p, up

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Stephen Lister, left, Peter Black's chief executive, and Gordon Black, chairman, yesterday

Black beats M&S blues

toiletries. cosmetics shoes, yesterday showed itself to be one of the more resilient suppliers to Marks & Spencer

(Sarah Cunningham writes). The company unveiled in-

terim pre-tax profits of £12.7 million. up from £11.3 million. on turnover of £107 million (£95.5 million). Gordon Black. made progress with Marks & Spencer and welcome everything they are now doing, particularly the increased empha-

sis on marketing." A number of clothing suppliers to M&S, which gave a profits warning after a disastrous autumn, have an-

It had sales of £9 million. On fully-diluted earnings per share of 13.64p (12.66p), there is an interim dividend of 1.9p (1.75p).

by inclusion of Ferrosan UK.

a maker of herbal remedies.

which it acquired in late 1997.

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Watchdogs failing over 2000 bug

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE National Audit Office has warned Britain's utility regulators that more work is urgently needed to protect the public from potential lifethreatening disasters caused by Year 2000 computer failures in the water, gas, electricity and telecoms industries.

Offer, the electricity regulator, is singled out as being well behind its peers in not discussing contingency plans with

electricity companies. The NAO also criticised the regulators for relying too much on assurances from the companies that Year 2000 preparations are underway.

In a report published today the NAO, the government watchdog, describes how computer failures caused by an inability to recognise dates at the turn of the year could jeopardise essential services and cause serious economic damage if electricity, gas or water

supplies were disrupted.
"Such failures could the en loss of life, for example, if people could not call an ambulance because their telephone did not work, if they could not heat their home, or if contaminated water entered the public supply," the report said.

The report concludes that regulators have inadequate knowledge of what companies are doing to address the problem. It gave warning that some companies would not be Y2k-compliant until well into the second half of the year and that certain regulators were relying on assurances rather than seeking independent assessment of the

preparedness of the companies. According to the NAO, all the key utility companies have drawn up inventories of systems that could face potential problems. Twenty-five companies told their regulators that they expected to be millenni-um-compliant by the end of last year with a further 29 ready by the first half of 1999. However, II utilities, ten of which are water companies. did not expect to be ready until

the end of 1999. Moreover, the NAO insists that checking systems is not enough and accuses the regulators of having little information on the companies' contingency plans to deal with disaslow for the possibility that equipment and systems may still fail as a result of the millennium problem."

According to the NAO. Offer. the electricity regulator, is well behind Ofgas, Offel and Ofwar insofar as if has not yet even discussed contingency planning with electricity companies.

VAT inspectors enlist IT aid

VAT INSPECTORS are to have their armoury strengthened with the provision of laptop computers that they will be able to plug in to a Customs and Excise information network while visiting businesses. The laptops, part of a £500

million information technology revamp by Customs, are being supplied by a consortium of ICL, Racal, Mitsubishi and Microsoft in a Private Finance Initiative deal.

The ICL consortium will

also take over responsibility for the current desktop computer technology at Customs and build the new information network. The deal means that 370 backroom Customs staff will be transferred to ICL

The network will enable VAT inspectors to call up all the information Customs has on a business during a visit, rather than check the figures when they return to the office. This should speed up the VAT inspection process, enabling businesses to know what they have to pay and Customs to collect it far more quickly. The system will provide

desktop IT for all 24,000 Customs staff, and will help support anti-fraud, anti-drugs and trade information sections of the Government department. The £500 million deal is the

third large outsourcing contract won by ICL in the last 10 weeks. It follows the award of the £200 million Elgar contract to revamp the information systems of the Department of Trade and Industry last December and the controversial E183 million contract for new magistrates' courts systems awarded last month. ICL's successful run on winning Government contracts

has come since it linked with

Microsoft to form a global alli-

ance to bid for outsourcing deals. The Government outsourcing market in the UK is estimated to be worth more than £1 billion a year.



Brooks: pre-empted rival

SOTHEBY'S has stolen a

Sotheby's Nets art dealers

march on its main rivals in to decide whether to sign. the auction market by signing up more than 1.500 of the world's leading art. antiques. books, jewellery and collectibles dealers to its new Internet

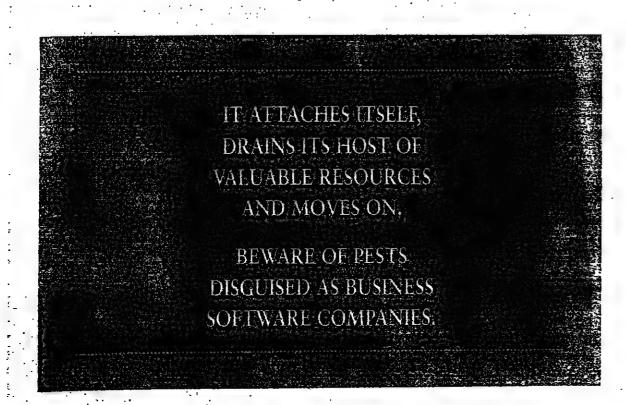
auction house launched the service last month and approached the vorld's top dealers, offering them an attractive deal on commissions for the website sothebys.com, but telling

them they only had seven days Although the British Antiques Dealers' Association complained about the pressure tactics, it has become clear that most leading dealers believe that they would miss

out if they did not sign up. The move was seen as an attempt by Diana Brooks, president of Sotheby's, to sew up the market before Christie's. its main rival, could launch a rival service. Christic's is plan-

ning to publish details of its Internet sales operation in the next few weeks. The Sotheby's service is expected to be up and running in the summer. Dealers will supply details of the items being sold through sothebys.com. which will publish them and then take bids over the Internet.

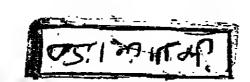
Experts in the art market believe that antiquarian books. collectibles and prints will be the most easily saleable on the



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Banking sector takes FTSE past 6,100 level

STRIP out the banks and there was not a lot left for investors to chew over yesterday.

Between them they account-ed for a large part of the market's rise which carried it back over the 6.100 level. At one stage, it came within 46 points of its all-time closing high of 6,179.0 achieved last July.

The FTSE 100 index closed 85.4 up at 6.108.6, while the FTSE 250 index finished just 23.7 up at 5,200.9. A total of 1.08 billion shares were traded.

Bardays led the way with a leap of 102p to £16.92, fuelfed by the better than expected profit numbers and dividend payout. Woolwich, up 17/ap at 365 p. was also wanted ahead of results later today.

Also reporting later today is Allied Irish Bank, 30::p better at £11,324p. There has been persistent talk of a bid for the Rewith **Uoyds TSB**, 22p firmer at 90415p, reckoned to be consider-

ing an offer of Elô a share.

BP Amoco, down lip at 8564p, was a nervous market ahead of results later today. Brokers are bracing themselves for a further downturn in profitability.

Sir Clive Thompson's Rentokil Initial climbed 23%p to 438% pafter Schroders, the broker, reiterated its "buy" recommendation on the shares.

The buyers came in for Eurotunnel, up llp at 84p, amid suggestions that financier Vincent Bollore wants to take a sizeable stake in the debt-lad-

en group.

Marks & Spencer failed to make the most of the bullish trading conditions being enjoyed by the rest of the market with the price closing virtually unchanged at 36714p ahead of tomorrow's presentation for brokers. They will be looking for reassurance that M&S can be steered back on course after last vear's profits setback and subsequent boardroom upheaval.

RJB Mining fell 2/4p to 63p as the threat of industrial action took a step nearer. Miners have secured the majority vote needed to proceed with strike action.

Rio Tinto was also a nervous market, falling 35p to 791p, reflecting fresh falls in

metal prices.

Speculative buying hoisted
SIG Group 6½p to 180½p. There is persistent chatter among the speculators that CRH, the Irish building products group, steady at Ell.23, is poised to bid up to 250p a



Neville Davis saw Compel Group shares climb after the IT services company reported strong interim profit figures

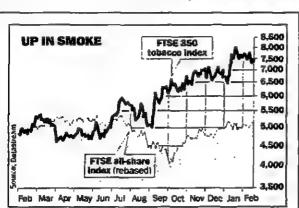
husiness at £295 million. Industries firmed 3p to 651:p, helped by a recommendation from Warburg Dillon Read, the broker.

which prefers it to RMC Group, down 9p at 727p.

A strong interim performance from Compel Group was rewarded with a rise of lop to 480p. The information and

share which would value the technology services group, husiness at £295 million. technology services group, headed by Neville Davis, the chairman and chief executive, raised pre-tax profits from £3.66 million to £4.97 million. SG Securities, the company's own broker, has already raised its forecast for the full year to £11.2 million.

Environmental Protection Services was steady at 94p atter Stephen Dean, chairman,



A REQUEST by the plaintiffs of the Leigh Day action lawsuit to delay the Court of Appeal hearing brought some relief to London's

Industries rose

16%p to 612%p. Imperial Group 43p to 754%p and Gallaher 21p to 444p. News of the delay led to speculation that the plaintiffs were considering aban-

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doning their case. Sentiment was further enhanced by a government decision blocking the NHS from tak-

ing court action to recoup the cost of treating lung cancer victims.

The Leigh Day plaintiffs had their case rejected last ed too long to bring the case. However, last week, one US smoker was awarded \$51.2 million by a US court against tobacco producer

Philip Morris. Karl Green, at Charterhouse Tilney, the broker, said: "The judge made questioned the substance of some of the claims."

sold 22.35 million shares, or al-most 30 per cent of the company, at 9.8p. The shares have been bought by a consortium headed by Charles Ryder and James Orr. who will then become chairman and finance director respectively. Mr Dean will concentrate his efforts on Artisan (UK), which was demerged from EPS back in December, last year, AIM-listed

Artisan closed up firmer 43-p. Sherwood Group continued to reel from the failure of its management buyout with the price dropping 31-p to 271-p. Booker shed a further 81-p at 56p in the wake of this week's news of 600 job losses and heavy write-offs totalling £23 million relating to the disposal of its wholesale foods business.

An upbeat message to share holders lifted Bradstock Group 3p to 39p. They were told that the insurance broker had won good new business and that the impact on profits would be greater next year.

Voss Net jumped 211:p to 65p after it offset the impact of a placing designed to raise £125,000 with news of an Internet supply agreement. It has signed a fouryear agreement with Free Computers for Education to provide free Internet access to schools. It will receive a percentage of the telecom charges generated.

Over on Ofex, shares of Talbex were suspended in late trading at 3p. It seems an unknown number of shareholders have been approached with an offer to buy their shares at 3p. As the company was unaware of any such document being issued, it called for a hait to trading so that a false ☐ GILT-EDGED: Evidence

of the healthy state of the government coffers provided the springboard for some useful gains among bonds. But the rise in the inflation numbers took some of the edge off the market and meant that shorter-dated issues underperformed the rest of the market. A late sell-off in the futures pi left prices well below their best levels of the day. The March series of the long gilt was 14p dear-er at £117.12. In longs. Treasury 8 per cent 2021 rose £1.04 to

£148.35, while among shorterdated issues Treasury 7 per cent 2001 shed 8p at £107.6. near their highs in late morning trading. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 60.76 at 9.335.65.

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Barclays' fair shares

fully 25 per cent more than just before the appointment of the new chief executive, less than a week ago. It is clearly encouraging that the succession is resolved. Yesterday's results contained no unexpected horrors, which was a relief. The commitment to cut costs, at the same time as continuing with the share buyback programme, was cheering. Soothing words about the future profitability of Barclays Capiml, the problem investment banking child, helped sentiment. Persistent rumours of bid activity, and the convincing logic supporting

merger, also buoys the stock. But there is a danger that the share price is racing ahead of itself. Michael O'Neill has not got his knees under the desk yet. His immediate task will be to set about cutting overheads but cost reductions have proved difficult to eke

SHARES IN Barclays Bank are now worth out of Barclays in the past and with such a sprawling empire the exercise may not be as straightforward as some hope. Barclays Capital remains tricky - the Russian debacle was a bad one off but this part of the group may disappoint again.

Moreover the profitability of the underlying banking businesses is not as strong as, say, Lloyds TSB. And while comparisons with the doyen of the sector may be demanding, the share price indicates that the two are held in similar, if not quite equal, regard.

Most of the good news coming from Mr O'Neill's appointment and from the cost cutting is already in the share price. This is precipitate and the share price may weaken in the coming weeks. But Barclays is attractive for longer term reconstruction hopes, and because it may be bid for. Buy on the dips.

Sema Group

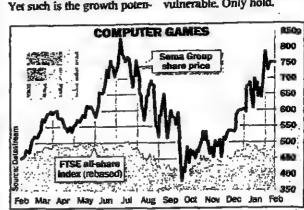
SOME might think that the miserable share price reaction to the 32 per cent increase in profits at Sema Group, the information technology company, was churlish. But Sema has its problems.

It has still been unable to identify a suitable acquisition candidate in the US. An acquisition is required if Sema is to break into the truly global league. Half of the world demand for computer consulting comes in the US. But Sema is dithering badly. If and when it does buy, however, the cost is sure to exert significant financial strain.

It is also worrying that Sema is concentrating more and more on developing soft-ware products. Undoubtedly this is part and parcel of offering solutions to computer and network problems. But it is also losing the company

tial in computer network money. Sema's management building and servicing that is not popular either. All inforno investor can afford to igmation technology stocks carnore IT. Particularly when ry risks, and those like Sema such big tracts of the London whose shares trade at 50 market are made up of shares times forecast earnings have little room to make mistakes. offering much less exciting growth possibilities. A glance at Sema's recent share price performance indicates how volatile life as an

Sema, one of the largest IT stocks, is especially hard to ignore. But the price remains vulnerable. Only hold.



Peter Black

PETER BLACK is at pains to point out that, while it is a major supplier of Marks & Spencer, it has not been suffering like many of the textiles firms that depend so heavily on the St Michael retailer. That is hardly surprising,

but vesterday's results suggest it is also true. Despite the well-documented problems at the nation's favourite retailer. Peter Black is doing reasonably well supplying it with shoes, vinyl bags, cosmetics and toiletries. Underlying profits growth, excluding the ecently acquired Ferrosan UK (which makes Natracalm sleeping pills) were up by just under 5 per cent. This is not as impressive than the headline 12.1 per cent figure, but

no less respectable for that. Peter Black has a strong balance sheet and is sensibly investing in factories. Unless it delivers quality goods at low cost, its franchise will soon disappear offshore. It has done well so far and merits continued support.

IT stockholder has been, too,

Buying into Peter Black represents an M&S opportumity if you want exposure to upside at the retailer but are unsure of when the recovery at M&S will start. Its business is steadied with the likes of Superdrug and Tesoo also as customers. It is also in some of the less poorly per-

forming retail product areas. Moreover, Peter Black has shown it can cope with a downturn at M&S, and it should benefit quickly from

Low & Bonar

THE paper and packaging industry has been a brutal playground for shareholders in recent times. The best to hope for from this poor, benighted sector is that inclustry consolidation might deliver them into the hands of a takeover.

Results yesterday from Low & Bonar suggest that trading conditions are likely

to worsen. The company reported lower than expected profits at £46.2 million but more worrying was the accompanying statement from Jim Heilig, chief executive. He gave warning that Bonar would endure failing sales and squeezed profit margins this year. Current year profit forecasts were cut from £48 million to £41 million.

It is not difficult to see why packaging and paper companies are hurting so bad. There is excess capacity and weak demand. At 165p Bonar shares trade on a prospective p/e ratio of six times. Such a rating would be attractive if the industry showed hope of growth but on fundamentals is fully deserved here.

Yet Field Group, another UK packaging outfit, is cur-rently being chased by two US companies. Depspite the trading weaknesses hopes of bid action is good enough reason to hold on to Bonar shares.

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gle currency.
Since the euro was launched, a small camp of previous don't knows appear, according to a re-cent Guardian/ICM poll, to have decided that they would now vote yes in a referendum on Britain's membership of the euro. Judging from conversations I have had since the euro started, the thinking behind this switch seems to go something like this: the euro has worked and if it is all right for the rest of Europe, it should be all right for us; now that the euro has started, it is inevitable Britain will have to join and there is no point fighting against it.
This air of resignation — still a

minority view - is no doubt welcome to those in Government who appear to regard Britain's membership of economic and monetary union as an article of faith, including, we believe, the Prime

Beware the path of least resistance

ty is gently encouraged, so the democratic majority against Brit-ain joining will be gradually whittled away, whether or not Gordon Brown's economic tests for entry are met and whether or not the argument has genuinely been won. Coupled with such subliminal encouragement from the Govern-ment is something of the atmos-phere that reigned on the Continent in the years before the euro became fact. Speaking out against the great project was treated as unpatriotic. Economists working for state-owned French banks were ac-

tually barred from expressing any negative sentiments about France's franc fort policy and the drive towards EMU, Dissenting voices were subtly - and, in the case of Bernard Connolly, sum-Britain is (I hope) too individual-

istic a country easily to bend to the propoganda of Government. It is as unlikely to accept a bald state-ment from the Government that the euro is good for you as it is to accept Tony Blair's assurances on genetically modified food or a pre-vious administration's assurance that post-Chernobyl lamb was ab-

solutely free from radiation. Nevertheless, there is a palpable reluctance among many senior members of the establishment to oppose the Government's pro-euro line publicly, whatever their private convictions, so great is the new Labour majority and so farreaching its patronage as it tries to build a coalition of the centre to embed semi-permanent power. There are people at the highest levels in both the Bank of England and the Treasury who have serious doubts about Britain joining the euro, but they are not heard.



should join the single currency is of the most intense national gravity too important for opinion of whichever colour to be silent. There is an extremely important economic debate to be had about the wisdom of the project and of Britain's potential part in it. The Chancellor's five economic tests for entry — America and apple pie as-pirations such as whether Britain will prosper and create jobs - do

not begin to touch on the central economic issues thrown up by any single currency zone, wherever in the world. The argument, a month into an unprecedented experiment in economic and financial engineering, that the euro has "worked", betrays a deep misunderstanding. There is also a political debate

of matchless historical importance to be had, not just about whether the British people want. irrevocably, to give up national sovereignty, but also about the direction that the European Union, now dominated politically by the 11-member eurozone, is taking. Exessing concern about the political future of Europe and Britain's relationship with it is too often belittled by some euro-enthusiasts who dismiss questioning souls as backward-looking, xenophobic, anti-European, little Englanders, Britain, as a committed member of the EU, ought to be asking serious questions about the political direction of Europe, as should every other member

We should be talking about the lack of democratic accountability of Europe's institutions - the European Commission and the European Central Bank. We should be discussing how best to integrate the former communist nations to the east into a democratic Europe, a far more difficult task now the euro is here. We should not assume that, within the EU, qualified majority voting should become the norm even for matters of foreign and security policy. We should constantly be questioning the pace of integra-tion apparently being advocated by France and Germany.

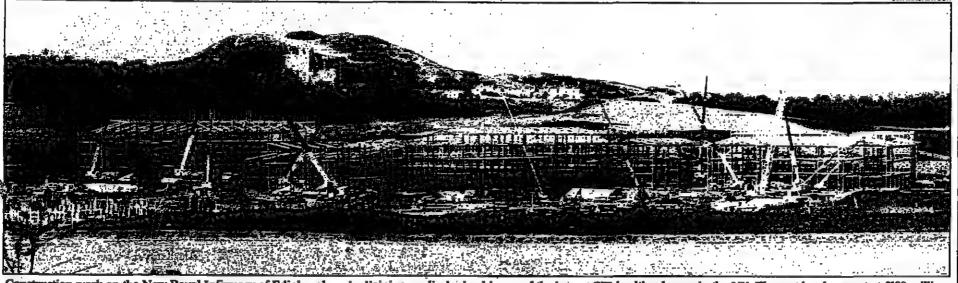
Some voices in Britain are now arguing that, because of the creation of euroland and its euro, Europe's path and the model of its de-

velopment is now set in stone; irreversible, unchangeable. But history does not work like this. Much is still up for grabs, the European model is still forming and it still has many flaws. There are still choices about the future to be made. Just because the euro has been launched does not mean different ideas of the future have been permanently sidelined.

These voices also argue that, outside euroland, Britain will have no leverage to determine the future - a reductio ad absurdum that we must give up our sovereignty to retain any power. That, if true, would be ample testament to how undemocratic a beast a euro-

land-dominated EU is becoming. I must, at this point, declare an interest. This is my last column for The Times, probably this year, because I am taking a leave of absence to serve as director of a new, non-party political group, to be launched shortly, that will argue for a constructive, committed and imaginative British approach to Europe but against Britain's membership of the single currency.

Resuscitated PFI offers ailing health service the kiss of life



Construction work on the New Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and adjoining medical school is one of the largest PFI health schemes in the UK. The cost has been put at £180 million

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he Private Finance Initiative (PFI) is much maligned and much misunderstood. It is not a privatisation nor is it a mechanism for transfering responsibility for clinical services to the private sector. It is merely a way for National Health Service trusts to obtain non-clinical services. What PFI seeks to achieve is for the. NHS Trusts to determine the services they need and then contract with the private sector to provide them. It is not the private sector which determines, for example, the bed number or the clinical mix of

services within a hospital. in theory, PFI allows trusts to determine how much an asset-based service - typically a hospital - should cost over its usable life and budget accordingly. All things being equal, this should reduce cost and increase value for money for the trust. It also means that a trust has the sort of access to capital based on its needs rather than on the constraints set by the Treasury. The trust will have a competition between various private sector suppliers but will only choose a winper if it offers better value for money than the cost when compared with the public sector cost for the same service.

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When PFI was first introprogress was slow. There were many reasons, including too many projects put forward, with little sense of priorities, and many of these projects were poorly defined and unaffordable. There was also a concern in the financial markets that PFI projects may be ultra vires. This was because the powers of the NHS enter into these long, complex

and large deals.

Shortly after coming into power. Labour made two decisions that have significantly improved the situation. First. the NHS (Private Finance Act 1997) solved the vires problem. Secondly, the Health Minister. identified 14 projects which would be given priority. These actions have led to deals to build 13 new hospitals with a capital value of some £1.7 billion being signed since May 1997. Many of these have successfully started construction.

Despite the NHS securing 13 new hospitals, which it other wise could not have afforded, PFI is still attracting flak. Many people question how PFI can deliver value for money when government borrowing is cheaper than privately borrowed capital. The answer is that PFI works because it is not simply the private sector financing exactly what the public sector has historically done. The fundamental issue is that the public sector contracts with the private sector to design; build and operate the hospital as well as finance it. In essence this means that the NHS can pass on the problem of building and owning assets - and providing related non-clinical services - to the private sector and concentrate on the issue of

providing patient care. As the market has developed, new players have been tempted in and more innovative financing techniques attempted - including long-term, fixed-rate and index-linked bonds in the debt markets as well as private equity. These developments have increased competition and brought down the costs of PFI to the trusts.



CHRIS ELLIOTT says radical thinking will enable the private sector, through the Private Finance Initiative, to help the National Health Service

Despite this progress, PFI still has room for improvement. Major obstacles to overcome include the fact that each contract is different and takes an inordinate length of time and hence cost to negotiate, which emphasises the adversarial nature of the negotiation which puts the public sector in the role of a "policeman" rather than that of a partner. The emphasis on cost of capital has led to very high gearing on many projects - often in excess of 90 per cent of the contract value - which reduces flexibility. To date, traditional

project finance models have been chosen to finance most PFI hospitals. This type of finance has a high front-end cost which is not relat-

ed to the amount of money raised and therefore makes the current PFI model difficult to apply to the small projects, such as community healthcare.

If PFI is to fulfil its potential and particularly if it is to be the catalyst to a long-term dy-namic partnership between the public and private sectors, it must change from its current model.

. First, there must be more standardisation of contracts. This has been agreed by most parties but has yet to be imple-

mented. Once agreed these standards must be monitored and enforced. However, standardisation should not be seen as a one-way bet as there is a risk that standardisation may lead to a surpression of innovation. PFI is still new and the acceptance and pricing of risk by the private sector is likely to change over time. If standardisation prohibits this change. the pricing of risk could be set in a time warp, which is likely to lead to diminishing value for money for the public sector. Secondly, PFI

more flexible. It is extremely unlikely that the needs of a trust will remain constant throughout the contract period (generally 30 years). The management of this change must be accom-

modated within the same value-for-money criteria as the original contract, which given the current inflexible nature of the contracts will be difficult. It is here where the concept of partnership between the public and private sector is most beneficial.

Thirdly, smaller projects should not necessarily be financed as stand-alone project finance structures. They need to

be financed from diversified bal-

ance sheets of significant size so and managed by the same enti-

ty which is responsible for pro-

curement as discussed above.

This would also encourage the

evaluation of PFI investments

on a portfolio basis within the

The public investment should

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incremental investment rather than a start-up investment. Finally, more risk should be transferred to the private sector to ensure that the public sector does not have to consolidate the expenditure onto PSBR in the year in which the

they can be financed more as an

be managed against clear, transparent and quantifiable objectives. A government minority stake would be necessary to encontract is signed. How can all this be achieved? The variability in sure the correct accounting treatcontract terms can best be overment. Government would get come by centralising procure-ment within the NHS. This will value for its investment because as projects mature it would have ensure best practice is exer-cised across all deals and that the opportunity to recycle its capital as incremental value was crethe benefit of valuable resourcated, hence the public sector would get more for its money. es is maximised and recycled in

a positive way. This has been achieved by the Highways These changes may require radical changes in thinking, but now is the time for radical Agency and the Prison Service. If PFI is to become more flexiaction. The first wave of PFI projects has shown the doubtble it must accommodate lower levels of financial gearing. The ers that the private and public providers of the equity must be sector can work together to conwilling to accept greater uncerstruct, finance and manage tainty and must be willing to public sector services. It has actively manage the risk that been demonstrated that the curwill be passed to them. The rent model works. We now management of these risks should be seen to be in partnerneed to show that this model can be enhanced and that genuship with the public sector. The most straightforward, yet radiine partnership can be achieved to manage public servcal, way for this to be achieved ices in a rapidly changing enviis for the public sector to hold ronment. The successes of the an equity stake in the PFJ comrecent past should be seen as a panies. This stake should be start rather than a solution. seen as a commercial investment and not as a monitoring Chris Elliott is a managing and prohibiting shareholding. This would further enhance

director of Barclays Capital and runs the Barclays UK Infrastructure Fund. He is a former the benefit received by the pubmember of the PFI Panel. lic sector. Joint shareholding should encourage the PFI company to develop objectives acceptable to both public and TOMORROW: can we af-

ford new blockbuster drugs such as Viagra? Sir Richard Sykes, chairman of Glaxo Wellcome, argues that we have to take a long, hard look at what is given for free on the NHS.

Steel industry will have to bite the bullet

he stock price of Rio Tinto, the world's largest mining group, took a tumble yesterday, losing 4 per cent in a few hours. Such frights are commonplace at Rio, but this time the reason for the fall was not a collapse in copper or coal prices but the state of the Japanese steel in-

Rio is a big producer of iron ore, a core ingredient of steel, and yesterday Hamersley Iron, Rio's Australian producing subsidiary, announced price cuts of 10 to 11 per cent in its annual bargaining round with the big Japanese steel producers. Hamersley said: "Japanese crude steel production is at its lowest level in 27 years and shows signs of further deterioration.

Faced with weak domestic markets, Japanese mills are cutting back production. Nippon Steel will make a loss, and our own British Steel will lose some £200 million this year and at least half that amount next year. A worldwide glut is causing pain everywhere, rais-ing the threat of trade disputes and increasing trade tensions between the US and Europe.

Only last Friday, the US commerce department set duties on Japanese and Brazilian steel producers in response to an intense lobby from US steel producers. American producers complain that foreign steel makers are "dumping" hot rolled coil (a commodity steel product) at uneconomic prices, creating unfair competition

and threatening US jobs. Similar cries have been made in Europe over the product, which suffered a 35 per cent price collapse over three months as imports flooded into euroland. In November, a European steel lobby group. Eurofer, launched an antidumping complaint with the European Commission against Taiwan, India, Iran. Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and South Africa.

The immediate cause is the collapse in consumption in South-East Asia. The region consumed some 75 million tonnes of imported steel at its peak, about 10 per cent of world production, but at the same time was itself producing 300 million tonnes to satisfy a construction boom. Plummeting demand left Asian producers and suppliers to the region floundering, so they targeted stable markets in Europe and the US, flooding them with cheap product.

Politicians in Brussels and

Washington want us to believe this is a war between good, honest traders and nasty dumpers, but such a simplistic view obscures real structural problems. The world produces some 750 million tonnes but needs just 680 million. The collapse of the Russian and Ukrainian economies left huge, inefficient steel indus-

tries with no domestic market. Erecting barriers to cheap imports hurts consumers, but Colin Campbell, steel analyst at ABN Arnro, also sees dan-gers to the steel industry in protectionism. "There are undoubtedly people out there selling below the cash cost of production, but protectionist measures could be bad news for the industry. It reduces the speed of change."

Europe's private sector steel industry is less than ten years old and has only just begun a slow process of consolidating as it moves out of the state's embrace. In 1997 Thyssen and Krupp joined forces, followed later by Usinor of France taking over Belgium's Cockerill Sambre, and Arbed acquiring a 35 per cent stake last year in Aceralia of Spain.

Alan Coats of Merrill Lynch reckons that the industry needs to move towards a small number of international champions capable of supplying high-quality steel products to manufacturers around the world. Such a move could be led by the automotive industry, and he points out the move by Usinor into the Brazilian steel industry, encouraged by car manufacturers.

But the process will be slow and painful and subject to political pressures. Usinor was forced to give job guarantees to Bel-gium in its takeover of Cockerill. British Steel is trying for the second time to accurre Salzgitter, the German mill currently in talks with Luxembourg's Arbed. Given Britain's reputation for closing down mills at home, it is unlikely that the government of Lower Saxony, which owns a quarter of Salzgitter, would welcome such a move.

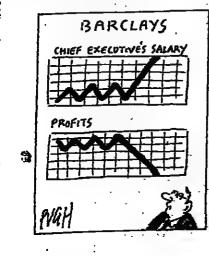
But closures are what the industry needs if Asian demand does not pick up rapidly. As Mr Campbell points out: "What troubles the Americans is not so much the low-quality Russian exports but high-quality and low-cost steel from Korea and Japan."

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Excess fare

I DON'T know how this will play with the electricians, but I hear that Bechtel, the American engineer parachuted in to complete the Jubilee Line extension to Canary Wharf and beyond, is on a success fee of £10 million if the trains are running by the

The total cost of the work is about. £13 million, but London Underground has agreed that the Ameri-



cans will turn a profit only if the trains run to a previously agreed and fairly tough schedule.

In return, Bechtel insisted on a bonus of £10 million, on the ground that it probably is the only one who could guarantee that the line opens on time. For the bonus to be paid, 28 trains an hour, the same capacity as on the existing parts of the Jubilee Line, must run for paying passengers from Stratford to North Greenwich, south of the Thames, by April 30. The reallyimportant Waterloo link must open by the end of August, and the rest, to Green Park, within a further two months.

I am told the Americans are on schedule to earn their money. Well, you would be, wouldn't you?

STAYING on a millenarian theme, I had always assumed that any millen-nium bug problems would follow the dawning of the new century around the world. So the first effects would be felt in Australia and then Tokyo, then sweeping through the rest of

Asia via Europe to London. This would give us some warning. But I am told otherwise. It all depends



where your computer was made, and so when, according to local time, the clock was put in. So if your machine was made in the Far East, it could fail 12 hours or more before the arrival of the millennium in London or New York. I have no idea if the above is true, but it seems to make sense.

Revenge bid?

SOMEONE with a long memory observes the takeover by Prebon Yamane of fellow moneybroker MW Marshall with a jaundiced eye and points out that almost two decades ago the boot was on the other foot.

There was great outrage in the early 1980s when Marshall, then owned Mercantile House, bought by Mercantile House, bought Charles Fulton and set about sacking large chunks of the workforce. Banks vowed to withdraw their business, and the indignation in the money markets lasted, ooh, at least a week. Bits of Fulton were sold off and, in

private sectors. In order to over-

come some of the conflicts of

interest that are created by this

structure, the public sector

equity should be held centrally

the fullness of time, became Fulton Prebon, which begat Prebon Ya-mane, and so on. So will old scores be now settled? Prebon's Patrick Keenan assures me: "If that was a model of how not to achieve a merger, this one is going to be quite different."

FORGET leaves on the line or the wrong sort of snow, this has to be the best excuse yet, from delay-plagued Connex South Central. One of its trains was held up on Monday evening. "We apologise for the five-minute delay at Coulsdon South," passengers were told. "This was due to the presence on the train of four drug dealers."

Glass apart

AS BARCLAYS announces its results for last year — and wasn't Bob Dia-mond of Barclays Capital in a bad mood yesterday? — an odd thought strikes me. There have been two new non-executives on the board of Pilkington, the glassmaker, over the past year. They are both former Barclays

One is Oliver Stocken, who was fi-nance director, the other Bill Harrison, who ran BZW. Both left after falling out with Martin Taylor, the former Barclays chief executive. He is, of course, now gone, his departure having been assisted by a Bardays non-executive, Sir Nigel Rudd. Sir Nigel is chairman of Pilkington. It's probably only a coincidence.

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Rudd: familiar faces on board

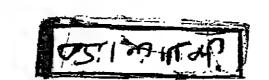
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Low & Bonar sees shares slide as prospects worsen

By Paul ARMSTRONG

INVESTORS pounded shares of Low & Bonar again vester-day after the packaging group painted a bearish outlook based on lower sales and righter margins.

Fears that Low's already rough market conditions might deteriorate further saw the share price marked down by nearly 10 per cent to http.

The stock has plunged from a high of 420p in June, amid worries about the company's sensitivity to the international commit climate and particularly the Asian crisis.

Low yesterday reported that it had made a pre-tax profit of £40.2 million in the year to November 30, down from £47.5 million the previous year and below analysts' expectations.

The result was helped into a pre-tax deficit of £3.4 million after exceptional losses of £49.1 million, most of which stemmed from a book-keeping charge associated with the pur-

chase of its cereal packaging business in 1993. However, Low said that it

would maintain its final dividend at 11.35p. making 15.85p for the year, compared with 15.pp in the previous year. Im Heilig, chief executive.

Jim Heilig, chief executive, said that Low was bracing itself for an increasingly difficult environment where cost control would be critical.

"The economic climate around the world has caused some of our customers' businesses to be flat or even to decline." Mr Heilig said.

He said that Low's plastics division had been hit by the downturn in demand for capital machinery, such as tractors

and diggers, for which it supplied many parts.
"Our order books declined in the last couple of months of 1998 and in January this year," Mr Heilig said.

"There is also some pretty severe price competition in the

packaging business, particularly on the Continent."

He said that the folding cartons business was burdened by significant excess capacity and he feared that the 2 per cent rise recorded in profit margins last year across the group would be eliminated.

Low also foreshadowed annual savings of £6 million, half of which would become available this year, from a restructuring of its enlarged cartons business.

Costs associated with the reorganisation, which stems from last year's £67.5 million purchase of the Waddington Cartons business, came to £9.5 million and were charged to the 1998 result.

Mr Heilig said that he was comfortable with Low's interest

cover of five to six times, saying

that it gave the company scope

to make another acquisition.



Boxed in: Jim Heilig saw Low & Bonar's pre-tax profits fall

IT floats will net millions for directors

By Chris Ayres

TWO young IT industry executives yesterday looked set to become multimillionaires as their companies. Morse Holdings and Axon Group, decided to go public.

Duncan McIntyre, chief executive of Morse, will see his shares in the company valued at more than £25 million, while Mark Hunter, chief executive of Axon, will see his shares valued at about £30 million. The companies are likely to be valued at £300 million and £100 million respectively.

Mr McIntyre, a 39-year-old former accountant, led a £46 million management buyout of Morse in 1995, with 3i, the venture capitalist group, taking a 55 per cent stake in the business. Other shareholders in Morse include PPM Ventures and staff.

Morse also announced yesterday that it had appointed Richard Lapthorne, vice-chairman of British Aerospace, as a non-executive director. Morse, which helps small and medium-sized companies to install computer hardware and software systems, is expected to raise about 70 million of new cash at its floration, scheduled

This leaves the company currently valued at about £230 million, with Mr McIntyre holding an II per cent stake. Mr McIntyre said yester-

to take place before the

day: "What we aim to do is carry on up the value chainnot get sucked down to the lower end of the market. We need to become a proper pan-European company." He added that the £70 million raised on flotation would be used to expand overseas, pay off debts, and develop niche markets.

Axon specialises in the implementation and continuing support and maintenance of "enterprise resource planning" software systems. It expects to raise about £14 million at its flotation. Mr Hunter, 36, said the money would be spent mainly on research and development.

Troubled times for Zochonis

BY ROBERT LEA

PATERSON ZOCHONIS, purveyors of the Imperial Leather brand of toiletries, reported a catalogue of woes yesterday from worsening credit problems in Russia to consumer depression in Nigeria.

Despite the successful launch of a new shower product, Foamburst, in the UK, the shares fell another 5p to 337½p.

Reporting interim pretax profits down by 23 percent in the six months to November 30 at £11.3 million, the company gave warning that numbers for the full year will not be helped by a £6.3 million charge in the second half, covering its problems in China.

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Graham Calder, finance director, said operations in China had been badly hit by competition. In other businesses, Far East profits are beginning to improve after currency devaluations, although "serious difficulties remain in Eastern Europe. The interim dividend remains at 5.85p.

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Oriel unveils £7.5m London hotel plan

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ORIEL LEISURE, the budget hotel group backed by English: & Overseas Properties and Bankers Trust, is to develop a £7.5 million Holiday Irin Express in Wandsworth, South London. The 148-room hotel, part of the Riverside West residential, leisure and office development near Wandsworth Bridge, will charge about £70 a room when it opens its doors in autumn 2000. The hotel is one of at least 20 that Oriel is planning to develop over the next three years under an agreement with Bass Hotels & Resorts, owner of the Holiday Irin brand. Its first Express opened in Peterborough last November.

Michael Brooker, chief executive of Oriel, said: "In the next few months we're going to announce another seven projects in various parts of the country at a total cost of around £32 million." He said the plan was to expand to a size where Oriel's backers could seek an exit, through a flotation or a trade sale. Oriel moved into budget hotel development three years ago after failing in an attempt to buy Forte's White Hart Hotels chain.

News Ltd phone stake

NEWS LTD, the Australian arm of The News Corporation. has joined forces with Publishing and Broadcasting to invest A\$709 million (about £273 million) in One Tel, the emerging mobile phone operator. Each will take a 20 per cent stake in One. Tel through a mixture of shares and options, to strengthen the company's expansion into overseas markets. One Tel shares rose almost 8 per cent to A\$12.63. One Tel's main competitors in Australia are Telstra, Optus and Vodafone. News Company of The Times.

Rolls in £150m deal

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aero-engines manufacturer, has signed a contract worth £150 million with British Aerospace for the engines and through-life support of Rolls-Royce Turbomeca Adour Mk 871 engines that will power Australia's Hawk fighter aircraft. The contract covers the 33 aircraft being acquired by the Royal Australian Air Force. Rolls-Royce will manufacture the first batch of Adour engines at its Bristol facility. The first engine is due to be delivered next month to British Aerospace for Installation into the first Australian Hawk.

Gearhouse accelerates

GROWTH in events around the world hiring audio-visual and other conference and exhibition equipment helped Gearhouse Group to a 60 per cent rise in profits in the first half of the year, with the company's chairman, Brian North, forecasting considerable scope for growth. Pre-tax profits for the six months to December 31 came in at £2.13 milion on turnover up 25 per cent at £37.6 million. Earnings per share were 8.8p (5.4p) and the interim dividend is up to 2.8p from 2.6p.

St Modwen on the up

ST MODWEN PROPERTIES, the property development and investment company based in Birmingham, reported a 19 per cent rise in net assets to 81.8p a share for the year to November 30. Pre-tax profits rose 15 per cent to £15.6 million, with earnings up 12 per cent to 9.2p a share. The total dividend rises 10 per cent to 3.3p a share, with a final 2.3p. The investment property portfolio, including the share of properties in joint ventures, was valued at £166.1 million on November 30, producing a surplus over valuation of £8.5 million.

Picture bright at Quarto

QUARTO GROUP, the publisher of illustrated books. lifted 1998 pre-tax profits to E3.7 million from E2.9 million. Group sales fell 3 per cent to £79.2 million but were £80.5 million at constant currency rates. Earnings rose to 9.8p a share from 7p. The final dividend is held at 2.3p, making 4.5p for the year. The shares rose 7p to 644p. Laurence Orbach, chairman, said the company expected to improve its competitive position this year, helped by the anticipated return to profitability within the art publishing business.

Macro 4 confident

SHARES in Macro 4 soared nearly 20 per cent after Ronnic Wilson, chief executive, said the company's pipeline of orders for its software supplies was building satisfactorily and that second-half results should continue to show improvement. Pre-tax profits in the six months to December 31 slipped 4 per cent to a little more than £5 million after £1.2 million extra "investment in people". Earnings per share were 16.6p (17.6p) and the interim dividend is unchanged at 10.2p.

Buoyant Compel

THE outlook is bright for providers of computer services to blue chip companies, according to Neville Davis, chairman and chief executive of Compel, which provides server and I's network support for a range of large organisations. The company's shares climbed lop to 480p vesterday after the company reported pre-tax profits up 36 per cent to nearly £5 million in the six months to December 31. Earnings per share came in at 11.6p (9p) and the interim dividend rises to 2.4p (2.1p).

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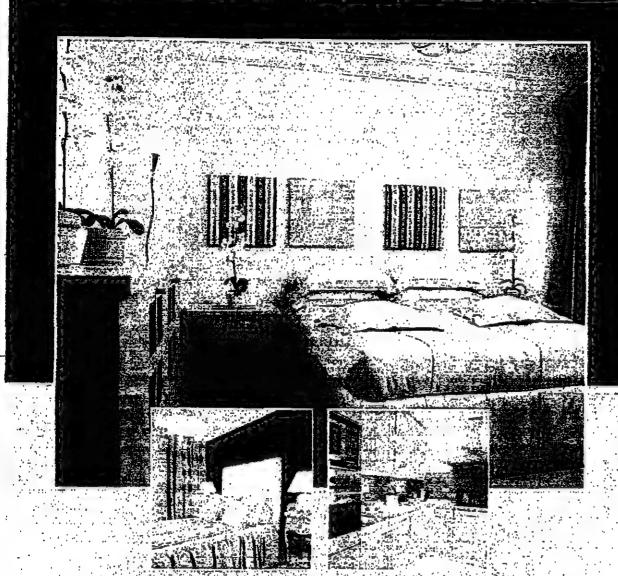
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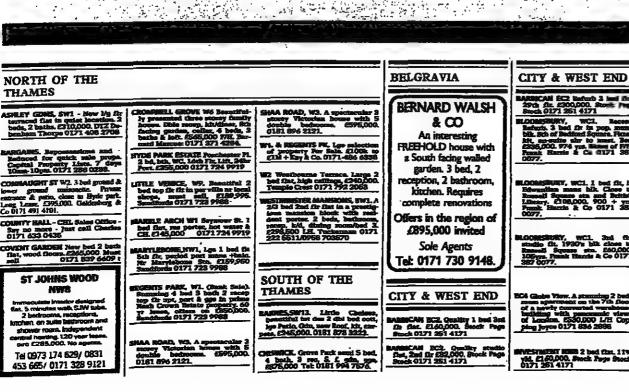
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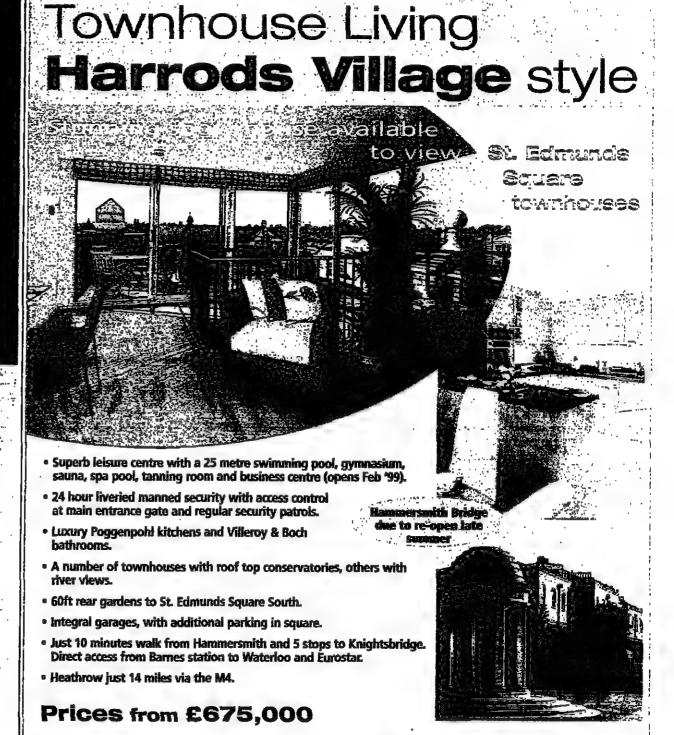


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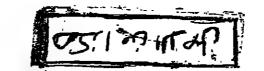
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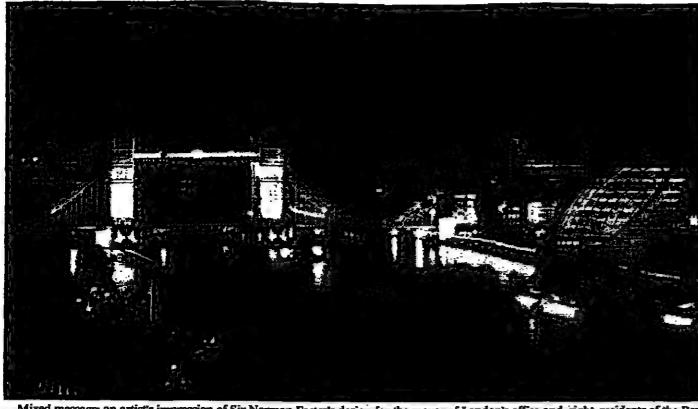
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Whose London is it anyway?





Mixed message an artist's impression of Sir Norman Foster's design for the mayor of London's office and, right, residents of the Bermondsey council flats which could be demolished because of increasing land values if the offices go ahead

t is the biggest develop-ment site in town: 13 acres of mud overlooking the Tower of Lon-don. Its value when complete is estimated at £1 billion. And it is also the front-runner for the plum of plums: the office of the new mayor of London, a landmark waterfront building which has been variously de-

scribed as a glass egg. a soap-dish or a fencing mask. This building will be the cen-trepiece of a huge complex of offices, shops, a 180-bedroom hotel and public spaces. drawn to a masterplan by Sir Norman Foster and Partners. The developers, CIT/Mark-borough, have a planning application before Southwark Council. A decision is expected

Not before time: over the past 20 years a long series of development proposals, includ-ing one that was a pastiche of the Palace of Westminster, and another of Venice, have all proved abortive.

This time the developers are playing it by the book. Firms have been hired to listen and learn about local needs, to un-

London's new mayor will almost certainly have a splendid office near Tower Bridge, but local residents are worried. Laura Blair reports

derstand how people use the area, to inform local communities and to create jobs: some 10,000 jobs are promised (though these, of course, will depend on a successful take-up of the office space). Help is promised with retraining local

view to the public - proclaim the "mixed-use" development as "a new heart for Bermondsey". The most successful places round the world, the publicity says, "are those that put people first ... places where people can meet, explore, talk, shop, eat, relax and play".

So how does the community feel? Most of them live south of the walled-off site, many in council-owned mansion blocks, and on the whole they are happy with the idea of offices nearby. There is some conskating rink, health club and a

walkway but no housing, cine-ma or children's facilities. For once, though, nobody is blam-

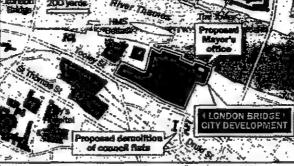
ing the developers.
We would have included social housing if it had been part of the council's planning brief," says Kevin McGovern, the managing director of CIT/ Markborough. "And we are talking to a cinema operator."

hildcare facilities? A library? These too "could happen as part of the planning gain settlement" (the money, or equivalent, given to the planning authority as part of the planning permission).

The exact contents of the site are open to negotiation. But behind the details lies a bigger picture, and a greater fear for the residents, some of whom have lived there since the Blitz. If London Bridge City is built, property values in the immediate area will soar. The council, with its new selffinancing housing prog-ramme, might well consider selling its estates locally and reinvesting the profits elsewhere

in the borough.
Indeed, a proposal to demol-ish and sell three of the estates has already found its way on to the council's minutes. It is only one of various options, including refurbishment: but its very inclusion is surprising. since the estates appear to be in good condition. During the war Bermond-

sey was a big food centre, known as the larder of London. The food trade has dwindled, warehouses have closed, docks have moved east and jobs are scarce. But there is a surprising community spirit left among the veterans and the young tenants and leaseholders in the flats. They re-



haps, for the new mayor, who should be able to move into

the new HQ next summer, en-

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But the plot of land they oc-

cupy is now valued at £22.5 million, a tempting target for the council. After demolition

the tenants fear that they could

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ing as a property developer and are asking why demolition has even been considered.

*Demolition proposals should be informed by a stock condition survey, and residents should be involved in the decision-making process," says Andrew Ecclestone, the chairman of the residents' association representing the estates in question. "But we were denied access to the condition

survey.
"What is proposed here flours the Covernment's guidelines for sustainable regenera-- and this is a Labour

cil, denies any hidden agenda. "These are just proposals," he says. "Nothing has been decided. We are carrying out a pro-gramme of housing improve-ment funded by the Government's Capital Receipts Initia-tive (CRI), and therefore have conducted several feasibility

But the residents know that the £12 million CRI money is not enough to fund South-wark's housing programme. The council needs more.

A demolish and sell policy might make sense from a property point of view, admits Simon Hughes, the local [Liberal Democrat] MP. But there was nothing about it in Labour's manifesto. It should not be a policy introduced by the back door. Disrupting stable communities is too high a price to pay. People should not be treated as pawns in the

roperty market."
"Lil" Patrick is a sprightly 80-year-old who has always lived and worked in the area - Teather worker, air raid warden, nursery helper. She feels she is being kicked out of There is a strong community spirit among the Blitz veterans and young council tenants

"We already have a Berlin Wall." she says. Tooley

In the wider context there is concern that government guidelines on affordable housing are not being met. George Nicholson, of the pressure group Communities and Homes in Central London, says: "There is a new national policy on enforceable levels of affordable housing to reduce social exclusion. Yet this is being flouted by many redevelop-

ment plans." Or, as Simon Hughes purs it: "What would the money equivalent of a council flat buy

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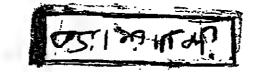
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In re Procter and Gamble

was directed to a visible sign, or combination of signs, which could

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The Court of Appeal so stated

when dismissing an appeal by Procter and Gamble Ltd against

the dismissal by Mr Justice Chad-

wick on July 25, 1997 of their ap-peal under section 76 of the 1994

Act. Procter and Gamble contend-

Marks, acting as registrar, was wrong to refuse, on hearings be-

fore his hearing officer, Ms Virginia Douglas, three applications for

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Mr Christopher Morcom, QC and Mr James Graham for Procier

and Gamble: Mr Daniel Alexan-

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Freedom to increase excise rates

Regina v Commissioners of of the EU internal market and Customs and Excise and Others, Ex parte Shepherd Neame Lid

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown. Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice

Judgment February 12

There was no obligation under Community law on the United Kingdom to abstain from making increases in the UK rate of excise

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when dismissing an appeal Shepherd Neame Lid from the refusal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Jus-tic: May and Mr Justice Moses) (The Times February 2, 1998; (1998) udicial review of the rate of excise duty brought into effect by section 8 of the Finance (No 3) Act 1997.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Clive Lewis for the applicants; Mr Ross Cranston, QC, Solicitor General, and Mr David Anderson for the Treasury, the Commissioners of Customs and Excise and the Atiomey-General.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the UK's rate of en times that of France. Not surtax-induced cross-horder shopping and increased smuggling.

Not surprisingly, lost, Kent brewers. like the applicants, close to cross-Channel rail and ferry services, complained of damage to their trade. But the question before their Lordships was whether the applicants had a grievance in law.

rected to the last two rate increasand 3.2 per cent in the 1998 budget. Those increases, the applicants argued, inflation-linked though

the) were, took the United King-

dom further away from the greater

harmonisation of excise duties nec-

were thus incompatible with EC

The 1997 increase, announced on July 2, 1997 and brought into effect on January 1, 1998 by section 8 of the 1997 Act, was the subject of the applicants first challenge. which was dismissed by the Divisional Court.

Leave to appeal was refused successively by the Divisional Court and Lird Justice Buxton but was granted by Sir Richard Scott, the ice Chancellor, and Lord Justice Schiemann without argument, on the basis that the case raised issues of constitutional importance.

Leave to challenge the 1998 budget increase, announced on March 17, 1998 and brought into effect on January I, 1999, was refused by Mr Justice Collins in the light of the Divisional Court's dismissal of the

Their Lordships, however, granted leave at the outset of the present appeal hearing on the footing that that further challenge raised identical points to those arising on the ap-peal so that its fate should be linked to the outcome of the ap-

Article 99 of the EC Treaty lay at the heart of the appeal and provided: The Council shall, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the European Parliament and the economic and social committee, adopt provisions for the harmonisation of legislation concerning ... excise duties ... to the extent that such harmonisation is necessary to ensure the establishment and the functioning of the internal market within the time limit laid down in

In a 1985 paper on completing Commission concluded that fully harmonised excise rates for the main categories of excisable goods were desirable and proposed such a system.

The subsequent debate on those

Council of Europe and the Commission to recognise that complete rate harmonisation was not nextssary for the creation of the internal market and in 1989 amended proposals were brought forward for a system of minimum rates, rate

However, the eventual rate system introduced in 1992 by the Council's adoption of three Directives under article 99 consisted solely of minimum rates together with harmonised structures and common rules for holding and movement of excisable goods.

band and target rates.

Directive 92/84/EEC the Rates Directive) (OJ 1992 L316/29) provided for minimum rates of excise duty and by article 8 provided:

Every two years ... the Council, acting on the basis of a report ... from the Commission, shall cramine the rates of duty laid down herein and, acting unanimously shall adopt the necessary meas-

In a 1995 report the Commission said: "1.7 In deciding to adopt a sys-tem of minimum rates, the Council clearly felt that market forces should be the driving force behind

rate approximation."

Article 5 of the EC Treaty was central to the applicants' case and provided: "Member states shall take all reasonable measures ... to ensure fulfilment of the obligations arising out of this Treaty or resulting from action taken by the institutions of the Community. They shall facilitate the achievement of the Community's tasks. They shall abstain from any measure which could jeopardise the attainment of the objectives of this Treaty."

Mr Beloff argued that the duties of the Council under article 99 were not exhaustive of the objective of harmonising excise duties, but. on the contrary, the duties of member states under article 5 also bore

on the matter.
Implicit in his argument was the assertion that if the Council, and the Commission, were striving to

reach agreement with a view to fur-

ber state could in the meantime take any measure that increased di-

ther narmonisation, then no mem-

Before Lord Justice Peter Gibson. vergence.
The true position, however, as Lord Justice Robert Walker and Lord Justice Tuckey submitted by the Solicitor General. [Judgment January 29] seemed to be that if there was com-The provision in section 3(1)(b) of pliance with whatever Directives were adopted under article 99. the Trade Marks Act 1994 requiring that registration must be re-fused for trade marks which were there could be no breach of article

Member states enjoyed complete fiscal sovereignty, subject only to such restrictions as might have been unanimously agreed under article 99.

No harmonising measures had ever been agreed beyond the mini-mum rates of duty specified by the Rates Directive. Subject only to those minimum

rates, the power to determine ex-cise duties belonged to each individual member state and was part of its core competence to levy taxa-tion. That competence could not be depleted by mere inference. Mr Beloff sought to invoke arti-

cle 5, in effect, to place constraints on each member state's fiscal sovercignty despite the absence of any unanimous agreement to that ef-fect. That was plainly impermissi-ble. There was no warrant for it either in Community legislation or any of its jurisprudence.

His Lordship rejected, as had the Divisional Court, Mr Beloff's argument based on the trilogy of cases concerned with lish stock conservation in the context of the com-mon fisheries policy: Kramer (1976) ECR 1279, France v United Kingdom (1979) ECR 2923) and Commission v United Kingdom (1980) ECR 2403.

Indeed his Lordship agreed with the Divisional Court's conclusion that, so far from providing an analogy, those cases demonstrated the difficulties faced by the applicants in the present different situa

Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice Ward agreed.

Solicitors: Travers Smith Braithwaite: Treasury Solicitor.

der for the registrar. LORD JUSTICE ROBERT WALKER said that it was common ground that the 1994 Act marked an important departure from the law on registration of trade marks

going back to 1875. Authorities decided by reference to earlier statutes might not be apposite. The 1994 Act was not a con-solidating Act. It was passed to give effect to Council Directive 89/104 EEC (OJ 1989 L40/5). It had to be construed in a manner consistent with its Community origins and purposes.

Section 3 of the 1994 Act set out grounds on which registration must be refused. The present application had been refused under 3(1)(b) "trade marks which are dewid of any distinctive character". There was no definition of "distinctive" in the 1994 Act where be-

fore under the 1905 and 1938 Acts it under the 1994 Act was summa-

product which may be produced by the use of colouring, typogra-phy, materials, finishing and other elements apart from the text itself which went into modern commer-

[1997] RPC 279, 238). The registrar

no longer had a discretion but had

The ghosting of the labels was at

the heart of the appeal. Procter and

Gamble wanted to go beyond the

registration of a particular name

or device and to achieve registra-

tion for what was often called "get-

up". That was a convenient expres-

sion for the characteristic style of a

to make a judgment: yes or no.

Like many leading manufacturers, Procter and Gamble did not welcome lookalikes and they would like to be able to curb them by registration under the 1994 Act rather than by the probably more ed that the Comptroller-General of Patents. Designs and Trade arduous process of passing The proviso to section 3(1) of the

1994 Act was not in point as no evidence was adduced that the get-up shown in the three applications had acquired any special distinctiveness as a result of use in the Whether or not the designs were

whener or not the designs were devoid of any distinctive character must be decided by reference to the designs themselves, not by reference to any particular marketing experience see AD 2000 Trade Mark (1997) RPC 168, 174).

The executive leave many texture devotes the second of th The essential issue was whether the hearing officer and the judge

erred in construing and applying the words "devoid of any distinctive character". Mr Morcom submitted that an

application could not be refused un-less it could be fairly said that the mark possessed no distinctive char-acter whatsoever. Each of the three applications depicted a distinctive get-up.
It was erroneous to rely on what

the hearing officer called "the clas-sic test of distinctiveness" in Lord Parker's speech in W and G Du Cros ((1913) 30 RPC 660, 672). His Lordship noted that it was important to see the words of Lord

rised in Eurolamb Trade Mark In the 1905 Act there was a statutory definition of "distinctive" later reproduced in section 9 of the 1938 Act "distinctive means adapted ... to distinguish goods" with which the trade mark's proprietor was connected in the course of trade from goods where there was no

such connection. "Distinctive" was further explained by a provision under which "adapted" could refer either to inherent adaptation or to adapta tion in fact by reason of use of the trade mark: see Smith, Kline and French Laboratories Ltd v Sterling-Winthrop Group (1976) RPC

The dual system of registration contained in section 9 of the 1938 Art was swept away by the 1994 Act. Moreover section 3(1)(c) and (d) of the 1994 Act spelt out, although not necessarily with identical effect, requirements which were previously contained in the principle that "inherently capable of distinguishing" in the 1938 Act meant capable in law, not capable in fact; see In re York Trailer [1982] WLR 195, 198-201).

His Lordship would accept that Lord Parker's observations about distinctiveness must since the 1994 Act be treated with considerable caution, especially so far as they re-ferred to what was capable in law of distinguishing one product from another.

It appeared to his Lordship, however, that the passage was referred to by the hearing officer and the judge for little more than its de-scription of the context in which the meaning of "distinctive charac-ter" had to be determined: that is, of traders who were in competition with each other in the market place, and to whom Parliament wished to accord proper protection but not any exorbitant monopoly.

The judge had derived assist-ance from Mr. Justice Jacob in British Sugar pic v James Robertson and Sons Ltd [1996] RPC 281, 306) which his Lordship found helpful. The present case was concerned, not with a mark which was said to

use, nor with a mark which was said to be disqualified on some comparatively technical ground such as its geographical indication. It was concerned with the much simpler issue of whether the subject-matter of the applications was, in the non-technical sense which Mr Justice Jacob had in mind, in-

herently distinctive. Marks which were unusual, or even absurd, arrested the eye and mind and were recognised for what they were. They were distinc-tive in that they could perform the essential function of a trade mark: sec Philips Electronics BV v Remington Consumer Products Ltd (The Times February 2 1998; [1998]

RPC 283, 299-303). Section 3(1)(b) had to be directed to a visible sign or combination of signs which could by itself readily distinguish one trader's product, in the present case an ordinary, inex-pensive household product, from that of another competing trader.
Product A and product B might

be different in their outward appe unieters in their outward ap-pearance and packaging, but if the differences became apparent only on close examination and compari-son, neither could be said to be dis-tinctive, unless, of course, one constituted an unlawful infringement of some existing trade mark. An objection on those grounds would be a practical and businesslike objec-

There was nothing inherently distinctive about the three bottles which were the subject matter of the applications. Taking together the shape, ghosted label and colours and treating them as a combination, his Lordship found that they were not distinctive but typical of the get-up of products used for cleaning different kitchen and bathroom surfaces; typical in every respect except that there was no identification by identification by any distinctive product name or device. The apneal would be dismissed.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Tuckey agreed. Solicitors: Mr Robert M. Downey, Gosforth; Treasury Solici-

Seeking reason for verdict from jury

Regina v Jones (Douglas) Before Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Ognall and Mr Justice Burton Budgment February 81

Where there was more than one possible basis for a verdict of guilty of manslaughter, in many cases it might be convenient and desirable for a judge to invite a jury to indi-cate the basis on which they returned that verdict. The purpose of such an inquiry was to help the judge in relation to sentence

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated when dismissing the appeal of Douglas Leary Constantine Jones against his conviction by a majority of 10 to 2, fol-lowing a retrial, on October 20. 1997 at the Central Criminal Court before Sir Lawrence Verney, QC. then Recorder of London, and a turned.

jury, of manslaughter, on which he was sentenced to eight years im-prisonment. He had been charged with murder.

Miss Clare Montgomery, QC. assigned by the Registrar of Crimi-nal Appeals, for the appellant: Mr E. Julian Bevan, QC, for the

LORD JUSTICE ROSE, giving the judgment of the court, said that there was no obligation on a judge to make inquiries as to the basis of the verdict but, in the exercise of he might hand to the jury written different possible verdicts, not only as between murder and manslaughter, but also as to the reasons for the verdict of manslaugh-

Alternatively, after a manslaughter verdict was returned a judge might ask the jury what was the basis of that verdict, provided that he had warned the jury when sum-ming up of his intention to ask the question. There was, however, no obligation on a jury to answer.

The purpose of the inquiry, if the udge saw fit to make it, was to help the judge when sentencing. The response of a jury would explain why a verdict of not guilty of murder had been returned. It would not provide any necessary indication as a matter of law of the mute by which the manslaughter verdict was reached.

Provided a jury were agreed that a defendant was guilty of manslaughter in the sense that they were sure that he perpetrated an

need for unanimity as to the basis for that verdict.

The considerations adverted to in R v Brown (Kevin) 1(1984) 79 Cr App R H5. H9) as to the need for a iury to be unanimous as to the ingredients of the offence and the facts substantiating those ingredients, did not have any application to the circumstances where a verdict of manslaughter was returned as an alternative to murder.

There was no obligation on the judge to give any further directions than he had done in this case, and there was no ground for regarding the appellant's consiction of manslaughter as being in any way un-

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

Brooks v Home Office Before Mr Justice Garland

[Judgment February 3] A pregnant woman detained in prison was emitted to expect the medical care and observation as if she were at liberty.

Mr Justice Garland so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing a claim by Margaret Brooks against the Home Office for damages for the loss of her baby while she was detained at Holloway Prison and her resulting

Mr Charles Lewis for the plain-tiff; Mr Stephen Irwin, QC, for the

MR JUSTICE GARLAND said the same careful standard of obstet-bury; Treasury Solicitor.

classified as high risk, requiring regular monitoring by ultrasound scans and clinical examination. She was remanded in custody at Holloway where the prison medical service had been responsible for her care. A scan at the prison revealed

Prison care in pregnancy

that the plaintiff was pregnant with twins and her pregnancy was

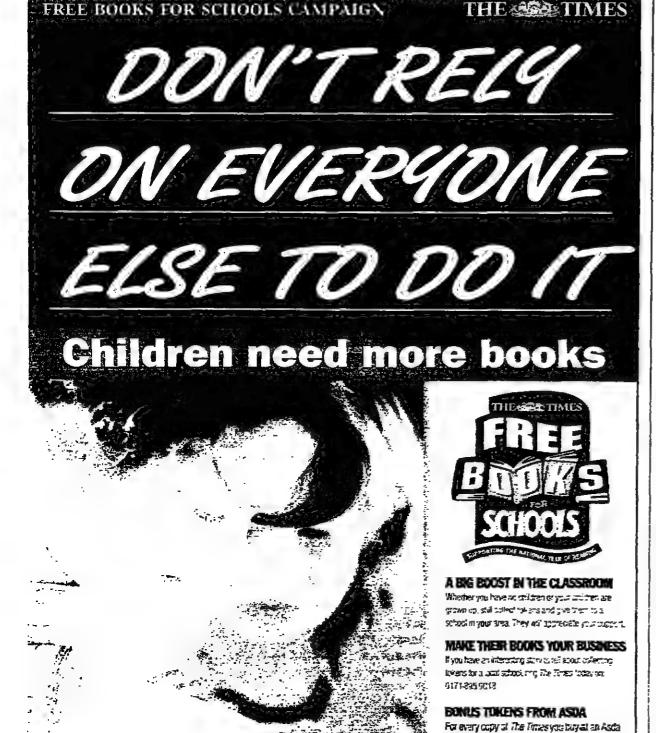
that twin I was 20 per cent smaller than twin 2 and had not grown suf-ficiently within the previous two

His Lordship said that Knight v Home Office (1990) 3 All ER 237) was not authority for the proposition advanced by the respondent that the plaintiff, as a pregnant an, was not entitled to expect

ric care and observation as if she was at liberty. The standard of care given to the

plaintiff fell below that expected in that the doctor in charge of the plaintiff who had insufficient ob-stetrics expertise, failed to seek immediate specialist obstetric advice but instead permitted a five day de-lay before the plaintiff received specialist attention.

Such specialist advice would not necessarily have recommended immediate admission to hospital, but that a delay of two days was permissible. However, as the hoby had died inside that two-day pericaused by the breach of duty. Solichors: Phillips & Co. Salis-



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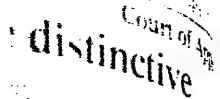
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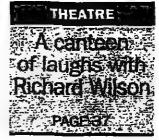
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Fishing vainly for English oddities *

OPERA: In Cardiff, Peter Stein's new

WNO staging of Peter Grimes misses

the target, says Rodney Milnes

the most English of all operas - even among the output of Britten, that most English of composers — then what outsiders bring to bear on it has to be interesting. Welsh National Op-era's new production is conducted by its Italian musical diere in pregnance rector, Carlo Rizzi, and produced by its most eminent guest, the German director Peter Stein. Of course it's good, but also in many ways curious-

ly unsatisfying. Rizzi leads a high-octane, pretty relentlessly driven performance. The pluses are brilliant playing from the WNO Orchestra — the storm interlude makes the opening of Otello sound like a light shower - and a barrage of well-disciplined sound from the famous chorus, though when both are going at full tilt in the small and boxy New Theatre the sheer decibelage teeters on the pain threshold.

Possible minuses involve a lack of light and shade: of breadth, of lyricism and irony. If the chorus gallops cheerful ly through "we live and let live", the fact that they mean precisely the opposite is less plain. You often feel the soloists, who sing very loudly a lot of the time, need more room to convey subtleties. In its viomomentum and panache, this Grimes is a bit like the Charge of the Light Bri-

gade: magnificent, but . . . There is a similar lack of light and shade in Stein's direction. Grimes, like The Turn of the Screw, can be about more

or less anything you want it to be about (for another German, Joachim Herz, it was all about economic and social mobility). Does Grimes heat up his ap-prentices? It's not in the script. and many commentators insist that any abuse is in the minds of the community. But Stein's Grimes, John Daszak, hurls his apprentice — a per-fectly heart-breaking perform-ance by young lain Goosey about the stage with violent abandon, leaving us in no doubt as to his propensities. Which, I would shyly suggest, undermines much of the point of Britten's opera as opposed

to Crabbe's poem. Are Ellen Orford and Captin Balstrode Grimes's only friends or his worst enemies? Both characters remain curiously undefined, Ellen neither warmly maternal nor an interfering busybody, Balstrode -well, a cipher. What went on in all those weeks of rehearsal that Stein demands, and gets?

Class, that most English of concerns, is muddled: Boles is too dapper to be a Methodist. Carter Hobson, the town bully, is not an artisan, and leads the manhunt because he wants to, not because he's ordered to. The dope-fiend Mrs Sedley is a figure of fun, but the buffoon Swallow isn't. These quintessentially English creatures have eluded Stein.

There is light and shade in the stage pictures, mostly thanks to Heinrich Brunke's glorious lighting of costumes inspired by Frank Meadow Sutcliffe's Whitby photographs. Stefan Mayer's set, a



bit boxy and, like the costumes, reminiscent of Elijah Moshinsky's much sharper Covent Garden Grimes, is redeemed by an atmospherically lit backcloth and three beautifully made fishing boats. A garish strip-lighting frame should be disperised with forthwith.

After an uneasy start, Daszak sang the title role extremely expressively, with planeent

lyricism in the but scene and impressive body to his tone in the finale. Janice Watson's Ellen had abundant sweetness of tone but too few consonants Donald Maxwell (Balstrode) Anni Howard (Auntie). Peter Bronder (Boles), Peter Savidee (Keene), Alan Ewing (Hobson), were all very good, and would be even better were Rizzi to relax the pace just a little.

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Raise the volume and risk the fury

sk any sound engineer at the opera what he does, and the answer is likely to be "as little as possible". Acoustic intervention, otherwise known as amplification, is strictly taboo. Occasion-ally English National Opera will admit to "enhancing" dialogue for operetta. When amplification was overily used in Weill's Mahagonny nobody was pleased, and the experi-

ment has not been repeated. When the Royal Opera staged Otello and La traviata at the Albert Hall, a few micro-phones were discreetly hidden in the wings. But the philoso-phy, according to Covent Gar-den's head of sound, Eric Pressley, was to "make every attempt to avoid amplification by finding a simple acoustic so-lution". His advice to colleagues is "sit on your hands". But at midnight last Saturday, seven pairs of hands set to work very busily indeed on a network of microphones and loudspeakers within the Al-bert Hall to prepare London for a Tosca the like of which it has never heard before.

Since big-spectacle opera first hit the arenas in the early 1980s, the impresario Raymond Gubbay has mounted six shows in collaboration with Autograph Sound Recording, a company now renowned for its sound-designing of big West End musicals but which, with delightful irony, was born 25 years ago from the impulses of two particularly long-sighted sound engineers from the Royal Opera House. They saw, and heard, the shape of things to come and, after a little practice in shows such as A Chorus Line. Evita and Cats, their company was ready and waiting when Gub-bay's La Bohème, Carmen and Madam Butterfly appeared on the scene

Bobby Aitken was Autograph's sound designer for both Carmen and Butterfly -

Opera buffs may Aitken's methods. To opera pros these are an abomina-tion, but Aitken insists they are necessary. "If a singer moves more than ten degrees cry 'foul', but Tosca is going electric at the off-axis in the Albert Hall, you

have lost the sound."

And there's another prob-lem, "Sound travels very slowly. As soon as a performer moves 15 metres away from a loudspeaker, the sound from the speaker will arrive at the listener before it's been read on the lips. We're developing a whole new system for Tosca which involves delaying the output of the performers' radio mikes until it matches that

from any given area."
In David Freeman's new production, Tosca will be played in the round, and the singers are constantly on the move. Aitken is experimenting for the first time with placing loudspeakers on the floor, "It's challenging, and a bit scary. Usually the principal system is 'flown' - it operates in the air. But here, the main system will be on the floor. We'll be trying to cheat the sound im-

age back down again."

Aitken refuses to tamper with "equalising" the singers' individual voices — and is also all too aware that he has to please several thousand totally differently tuned pairs of ears in the audience. "All I want to do is maintain the credibility of a work which is essentially fragile, vulnerable, and on a human scale."

And not to underestimate Puccini. Tosca was so dramatically advanced from anything Puccini had done before that even his librettists doubted its theatrical viability. The open-ing chords were vibrant with revolutionary new harmonic devices. "And Raymond Gubhay," adds Aitken, "is determined that the audience shall know the overture has begun." ■ Tosca opens at the Albert Hall (0171-589 8212) tomorrow

THE TIMES

Poor lessons in conversation

his was the last show to be seen in the little opera house bravely and perhaps over-optimistically built - neither funding nor management has ever been secure - in Spitalfields Market. By the time this appears, demolition will have begun to make room for more retail outlets. If only it could have gone out with something more memorable than Trinity College Opera Group's frankly dreadful performance of Poulenc's opera. If that adjective sounds unduly harsh, it is because such thoughtless treatment of students arouses great

anger is this tender old breast. As might have been foreseen, in so small a space Poulene's large orchestra was a big problem, a problem hardly addressed. The conductor. Andrea Quinn, showed sympathy for the composer's idiom. but little for her student singers: the players let rip for most of the time - at one point Quinn could actually be seen urging the brass on - and the soloists were left mouthing



wordlessly like goldfish. The piece is called Dialogues of the Carmelites, if you can only hear brief, disconnected snatches of those dialogues. you might as well go home.

pounded by the Croatian director, Kresimir Dolencic. Much energy had been expended on interesting mime and unhelp-ful soundtrack effects; if only half as much energy had been expended on telling the stu-dents that their first task is to address notes and words to the audience, not across stage to each other or - with depressing frequency - upstage.



Cold comfort: the dying Prioress, Mme de Croissy (Edel O'Brien, left) with Mother Marie (Shona Allen)

You would have thought that the gut-wrenching finale, where the nuns process to the guillotine singing the Salve Rerina, was footproof. Not so: Dolencic had an "idea" of such appalling kitsch that I cannot bring myself to describe it in print. Oh, all right then: they return one by one into bright light grinning like apes.

Few of the poor soloists emerged unscathed. Shona Allen (Mother Marie) is already a confident performer and almost alone in the cast suggested that she cared about words. Edel L'Brien (Old Prioress) made much of what must be the most harrowing death scene in all opera - a remarkable achievement from one so young. Ksenia Eremina Jones had her moments as Blanche. Others might have fared better if they had been properly directed and more sympathetically accompanied. Honestly, students deserve better than

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HOPE on the Waterfront is not the obvious place for a concert. But once you are in your seat. looking over the water with the Royal Liver Buildings on one side and the Tate on the other, it doesn't seem so unlikely after all. And the bright, clear sound settles it.

One advantage of the new series of concerts presented by Psappha in association with Hope University College is that Liverpool composers have an opportunity to be heard in their own city. On this occasion it was Robin Hartwell, whose A Story Recounted for prerecorded tape and live percussion found a natural place in a programme with Stock-hausen's Kontakte as its main feature.

A Story Recounted, though not as ambitious in structure as Kontakte, is based on an ingenious two-part idea: the second part for percussion alone attempts to recall the first part for tape and percussion together and produces something which is recognisably the same but intriguingly different. It is unu-

Getting it taped

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sual in that it derives at least as much from the composer's ear as from his technical expertise. It requires the percus-

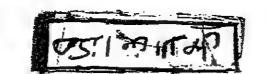
sionist — Tim Williams in this case — to apply his hearing no less sensitively in Kontake it is hard to escape the feeling that Stockhausen was not always ing by on the Albert Dock outside. hearing what he was scoring for piano

and percussion in relation to his pre-

recorded tape. There were moments in this expert performance by Richard Ca-sey. Tim Williams and the sound projectionist Matthew Fairclough when conracts between the different sound sources were perceptively made, just as there were others when they seemed to have nothing to say to each other. And there is nothing in Kontakte to match the wit in the exchanges between piano and tape in Jonathan Harvey's Tombeau de

Confronted with the extraordinary variety of sound Anthony Powers finds in a solitary clarinet in his SealAir. you might wonder if there is any need for electronic extension of natural sound at all. No tape manipulation could have produced a better diminuendo than Dov Goldberg at the end — and there would not have been the added poignancy of having it walked over by footsteps pass-

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Barbican goes African

VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on the Barbican's fine survey of the ways in which photography influenced the great man

Picasso's life through a lens

artists, Picasso was the one who posed most willingly for the camera, allowing it to scrutinise him in every conceivable mood. As a result, Picasso's own photographic image is as recognisable as any of the artworks he produced.

Until now, the full extent of his involvement with the camera has never been explored. But a large, engrossing survey at the Barbican Art Gallery rectifies the omission, revealing the complex, multi-faceted nature of Picasso's attitude to photography. He used it in different ways according to his protean needs. The camera never threatened to supersede his primary commitment to ture, but it did feed his art, not

least by helping him to assess the work evolving in his studio. By taking shots of paintings as they developed, he was able to evaluate their progress. These small, faded photo-

blurred or faultily exposed, are sel dom compelling images in their own right. They do, however, provide fascinating evidence of key paintings at an unfinished

stage, and even of works he subsequently destroyed. More exciting are the photo-

graphs Picasso took and used as the starting-point for paintings. By the time he had fin-ished with it, the original shot often underwent a startling transformation. In 1908 he photographed his mistress Fernande Olivier with a restless girl. Dolly van Dongen. on her lap. Behind them looms part of a titanic Cubist painting called Three Women, its power threatening to overwhelm the figures seated in front. But in a Mother and Child canvas executed the ly are metamorphosed into raw, ferociously simplified beings. Picasso reduces facial features to a brutal minimum. Fernande's hair looks like a blue hat perched on her pink scalp. As for the unsuspecting Dolly, she resembles a wildeyed carving daubed with thick almond eyes and slanting shadows scored harshly

across her cheek. In this instance, Picasso seems bent on stressing the difference between photographic fidelity and the painter's provocative freedom. By the time he trained his camera on the ancient Spanish hill-town of Horta de Ebro, however, the gap separating the two media had narrowed. Adopting a high vantage that enabled him to gaze down on a huddle of tiled roofs and bare walls. Picasso produced a photograph strikingly akin to his Cubist painting of the scene. Through his viewfinder, the houses' forms were already split into dramatically contrasted massangle he chose flattened them

f all 20th-century as well, emphasising their structure as a sequence of austere, interrelated lines and planes. So the relationship between the photograph and Houses on the Hill, a classic early Cubist painting of Horta executed in summer 1909, turns out to be closer than anyone might have imagined.

Still more engrossing is Picasso's indebtedness to photographs taken by others. Some times he remained surprising ly faithful to his source: a little studio shot of Fregoli in the 1900, is used five years later as the basis of a spidery pencil sketch of the virtuoso violinist. Picasso stresses essential contours, heightening the athletic flourish of the player's outflung hand clasping the bow. The only dramatic licence he

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allows himself lies in the other hand. enlarged to a colos sal extent and growing out of the the camera body without an arm. It prophesies, in size and purity of outline, the gigantism of Picasso's Neo-Classical

More often than not, Picasso delighted in taking liberties with the stiffness of people posing for the cam-The Soler Family,

grouped rigidly around a potted palm and other studio bric-a-brac, are all arrayed in their Sunday best in an anonymous 1903 photograph. While retaining some of their poses. Picasso transfers them to the informality of a picnic on the grass. The outcome is bizarre. for the figures are caught disconcertingly between politeness and relaxation as they encircle food, wine and even a dead rabbit stretched out on the white sheet.

he show's great revelation, however, cenfor Les Demoiselles d'Avignon, the revolutionary painting that kick-started the entire Cubist movement. Art historians have noted that the brusque distortions of the women on the right reveal Picasso's awareness of African carving. But nobody paid attention to some arresting photographs of African tribal life in his own collection. Taken by Edmond Fortier in 1906, only a year before Les Demoiselles was painted, these postcardsize images stress the sculptural presence of African girls and women. Standing or sitally look grave and expose ample breasts with an instinctive, statuesque stillness. Most of the prints show single figures. and the Barbican survey displays a variety of studies that Picasso may have executed with their stimulus in mind.

But one in particular, a photograph called Types of Women, shows no fewer than nine West African women in a group. Three squat on the bowls of grain, while the oth-



The exuberant Picasso and Manuel Pallares - just one example of how he used the camera as a weapon in his ceaseless campaign against blinkered ways of seeing

ers stand with awesome dignity behind. The monochrome collotype print brings out their carved quality, and the women with arms lifted to support vessels on their heads or shoulders may well have inspired the angular, raised arms of the two central figures in Les Demoiselles. It would be easy to exaggerate the connections between Types of Women and Picasso's masterpiece. A whole variety of stimuli, ranging from El Greco to Ingres, lies behind Les Demoiselles, and its stridency is far more alarming than anything in Fortier's photograph. From now on, though, nobody will be able to discuss Picasso's belligerent canvas without taking his well-hidden cache of African postcards into full account.

had earned enormous admiration within Picasso's circle. He pho Daniel-Henry Kahnweiler, dressed in a stiff white collar. gazing at paintings. The image of this well-groomed, fastidious man undoubtedly helped Picasso to paint a great Cubist portrait of him in 1910, fragmenting his features into an intri-cate, almost tessellated struc-ture where different viewpoints are brought into synthesis. increasingly. Picasso also liked photographing himself among Cubist works-in-progress. During the First World War, when he was stranded in Paris, he posed for full-length self-portraits in front of a camera equipped with an "automatic shutter" device. All taken in his Rue Schoelcher studio, they offer in-sights into his differing

moods. He dresses as correctly

brought up in South London

and attended Dulwich Col-

lege. He's sometimes known

Big breaks: Playing Othello

for the National Youth Thea-

tre, being spotted and landing

the role of the interpreter in

Spielberg's film about slavery.

Amistad, while in his first year

How was Hollywood? "It was

a difficult adjustment to make

A screen future? "I'd like to

continue as I am. doing both

film and theatre. They are

very different disciplines. You

at 19, but I relaxed into it."

Age: 21.

though, Cubism

as a bourgeois businessman in one photograph, cutting a conventional figure frankly at abstract canvases behind him. Then he poses in a multicol-oured, loose-fitting suit, with trousers slightly rolled up as if preparing to wade through a sea of paint. Soon afterwards, he strips, shedding jacket and trousers for one photograph and then posing only in his underpants. Legs wide apart and torso fully expanded, he stares like a prizefighter at a camera

now placed very low down. The viewpoint makes Picasso look taller, emphasising his defiant machismo.

.The older he grew, the more irrepressible his high spirits became. Picasso enjoyed him-self hugely with lashion shots culled from Vogue magazine. sketching horny satyrs in ink who ogle and probe the models posed so coyty beside them. The exhibition ends on a euphoric note, with photographs of the elderly Picasso reaching out to embrace his old friend,

Manuel Pallares. The artist later scribbled on the prints with both men into bacchic, grimacing roisterers. They sum up the energy and flair that gav Picasso's long career its sustained sense of openness. showing how he used the camera as one weapon among many in his ceaseless campaign against blinkered ways

 Picasso and Photography at the Barbican Art Gallery, Silk Street. EC2 (0171-382 7105) until Mar 28

AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

THERE is a curious idea around that a location has to be exceptional in order to deserve the attentions of a landscape artist. But what, then, are we to make of a painter like Christopher Brandsm. whose new show is nearly all taken up with landscape, but always recording scenes of the utmost ordinariness?

Most of the bigger pictures are of suburban back gardens

— presumably what he sees out of his studio window in Richmond - while the smaller are mostly to do with tumbledown outhouses and corners of bleak fields. His attitude is possibly rather like that of Thurber, who, when asked why all his women were so unattractive, replied: "They are

attractive to my men." Bramham's idea of what constitutes an attractive scene may not initially coincide with ours, but by the sheer force of his fascination he manages to win us round. Also, these are definitely works of art rather than grim records. The colour harmonies are subtle, the com-positions finely balanced. Suburbia has not been so transfigured since Lucian Freud gave up painting in Paddington. Mariborough Fine Art. 6 Albemarle Street, WI 10171-629

☐ Thomas Joshua Cooper is a landscape artist of another kind. For one thing he is a photographer rather than a painter, for another, though he lives in Britain, he is a 52-year-old Californian and member of the Cherokee nation.

For years he has been fasci-

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nated by rivers, their contents and surroundings. Not for him the sweeping panorama: his god is definitely in the detail. His vision is Pre-Raphaelite, his technique of painting his print surface with selenium harks back to 19th-century photography. Virtually all his pictures are so dark that they need close attention to unravel their mysteries. But for those willing to make the effort, his work offers unique rewards. Michael Hue-Williams, 21 Cork Street, WI (0171-434 1318). until March 5

PRIVATE means can be a problem. Cissie Kean was

born in London in 1871 to a family of rich German coffee merchants and was passion ate about painting from an early age, against her family's wishes. In her early thirties she broke free and studied in Paris. In England during the war she became friendly with Frances Hodgkins. But in the Twenties she was back in France, moving in avant-garde circles, which explains most of her later style, as seen

in this rediscovery show.

It is really more of a discovery show, since most of Kean's work was never seen in public. It looks completely French, poised between representation and abstraction, boldly formalised, brightly coloured, sometimes reminiscent of Synthetic Cubism, sometimes close to Surrealism. For us she seems readily approachable; what a pity that she had to wait for nearly 40 years after her death for anyone to take notice. Whitford Fine Art, 6 Duke Street St James's, SWI (0171-930 9332). until Feb 26

JOHN RUSSELL

West Africa finds its voices

t has been quite a week for African music with both the Drummers of Burundi and the Griot Groove tour wending their way around Britain's concert halls. Then, next month, Mirlam Makeba plays here for the first time in several years. We are starved of top-class African performers for months. and then a convoy turns up.
At the Barbican, Griot

Groove brought together three performers from West Africa's Mandinka tradition — the two divas Kandia Kouyate from Mali and Oumou Dioubate from Guinea and her fellow Guinean, the golden-voiced Sekouba Bambino. All three have splendidly contrasting albums out on Sterns, Britain's top importer of African music, and between them they prove how misleading it is to talk ge-nerically about African music.

The diversity between the two women, for example, was at least as wide as that between, say, Joni Mitchell and Tina Turner. Kouyate proved to be by far the most traditional in style. A jali (a member of a caste of professional musicians whose tradition is handed down the generations), her transcendental contralto was accompanied by traditional instruments such as the ngoni (a kind of lute), the kora and bala-fon (a wooden xylophone) and an ethereal female chorus. At home in Mali she is known as TAYLOR hypnotic singing can make

men drunk on her voice. It was easy to see why She was followed by Dioubate, an exotically beautiful woman with a more up-tempo dance approach and a series of provocative moves which have earned her the name la femme chic-choc (shocking woman). She used her rippling rhythms and powerful voice not just to move our feet but to rail against the injustices heaped upon women in many African societies.

But it was Sekouba Bambino who showed how the rich heritage of ancient tribal custom and the excitement of modern dance grooves can be fused to create something that 4 is both rooted in tradition and dynamic and original. He used an electric guitar alongside the ngoni, keyboards with the kora and a saxophone riffing away on top of the balafon to create a succession of pulsating world beats that soon had the entire audience dancing -without harassment as the Bar-bican thankfully appears to have finally relaxed its ludi-crous no-dancing policy.

> NIGEL WILLIAMSON

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GREAT BRITISH HOPES Rising stars in the arts firmament CHIWETEL EJIOFOR start to rely on tricks if you are in film too long. It's harder to Profession: Actor. fool a live audience." That name? His parents came from Nigeria, but he was

Present stage: He opens to-morrow in Splash Hatch on the E Going Down, a play in the Donmar's American season."I play the 18-year-old husband of the daughter of a Hariem family. It's about how the environment — the lead, asbestos, pollution - is even worse

where there is poverty." Modern satisfaction: "I'm really enjoying this play. It's emotional, energised, because of the imposence of their love." Classical ambition: "Last year I toured the country for three months as Malcolm in Macbeth with Pete Postlethwaite

as Macheth. Now I'm longing

to play the part myself."



In the pipeline: A film, Greenwich Mean Time, is due to be released in September. "It's about four characters aged 16 to 23 who all grow up in Greenwich. They all have problems, mental and physical. I'm the rock, supportive when things happen to other characters." is directing an option? "I di-rected at school. So perhaps, but I want to get this right

HEATHER NEILL



Mikhail Pletnev gives a rare recital in Manchester

selected an appealing programme of Chopin, Gneg and Schumann. Bridgewater Half (0161-907 9000). Tonigts, 8pm. (2)

IVERPOOL: The Welsh mezzo Della Jones jons the Royal Liverpool Phil-harmonic Orchestra in a performance of Songs of the Avergne, Careloube's evocative work is framed in this all-French programme by Poulenc's seductive Les Biches and Barloz's Symphone Englastrate. Junichi

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RECOMMENDED TODAY

Guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

FALLING: This new David Eldindge play starts with a man in a hospital bed recovering from a magging. John Dove directs a drams of shock and survival Hampetead Theater (0171-722 9301) Previous foright and fornarrow, 8pm. Opens Fn. 7pm. (5)

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EARLY MUSIC: Rejums only for this find concert by the popular lung's Concert in a sense of music written by Purcell for the Chaple Royal during the reigns of Charles II. James II and Wilsem and May Robert King directs has penod band With vocalists Susan Hamilton, James Bowman, James Gächrist and Robert Evens Wilgmore Hall (0171-935 2141)

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SHOCKHEADED PETER: The

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Jacques's labsatio mossifi Lyric (0181-741 8701). Previews from longht, 7.30pm. Opens Feb 22 (5)

DARLINGTON: In Jonathan Hervey's new play Hushabya Micustalin, dead Darny enjoys the company of Judy Garland in heaven while his boytiend on earth copes with the hole in his life. Paul Miller directs.

Chric Theatre (01325 486555).

7.30pm. (5)

MANCHESTER: A chance to savour the virtouoso keyboard work of the Russian pianist Mikhail Pietney, currently on one of this rare visits to these shores. For this concert he has

© COPENHAGEN: Hesenberg mys-tenously calls on Niels Bohr in warring Denmark, Michael Frayn's oncyably intelligent play transfers to the West End Michael Biskempre offects Durchess (0171-494, 5075)

☐ BAREFACED CHIC: Fescinating

Ada play hore for a month before setting off on their latest riztional tour. This time Clarke Peters directs, Royal, Haymarket (0171-930 8800)

Ci LE CID: After ten years Declan Donnellan directs Cornelle's classic agan, this time performed in French Awth English suntilest, Recaved an evision at the Avignon Festival Riverside Studios (0181-237 1111)

C AND THE BROTHER TOO: Earnon Morresey returns to the infiniteble come wintings of Flann O'Brien, revealing more about "Yer Man" and

THEATRE: Daniel Rosenthal talks to the rolling stone who is spreading the word of the Caveman

· On love's long rocky road

n July 17, 1996, West 44th Street, in the heart of New York's theatre district, was renamed Caveman Way. Rudolph Giuliani, the city's Mayor, and approved the temporary change and designated that Wednesday "Caveman Day" to honour the Californian comedian Rob Becker, whose Defending the Caveman had just become the longest-running solo play in Broadway history.

For 400 performances, Becker had mused on the various ways in which sexual roles defined in Neanderthal times - "Men hunt, women gather" - now contribute to niggling malefemale misunderstandings in kitchen, bedroom or shopping mall. Six months after breaking the record, the 42-year-old left Broadway, hit the road and has since broken the 2,000-performance barrier. From tonight. West End audiences have a chance to judge Caveman for themselves, with the Australian comic Mark Little standing up for all things male, while Becker continues a seemingly interminable American tour.

I think it's going to be a big smash in London," says Becker, speaking from Detroit. "Lots of British people saw the show in New York and told me how much they enjoyed it."

Becker's vision of heterosexual relationships might be subtitled Men Behaving Mildly. In Caveman, a bloke's greatest crime is to leave a wet towel on the bed. Men adore television, DIY and fishing, abhor house work and struggle to express their emotions. Women adore shopping and gossip and like to be told they look pretty.

The temptation to tag Becker "the John Gray of the stage" is strong even before you notice that the Londonpublicity carries an endorsement from the author of Men are from Mars. Women are from Venus: "should be seen by anyone who wants to understand the opposite sex". Becker, however, had staked his claim to this lucrative turf 18 months before Gray's book was published. As a newlywed, he had found that laughter was the best way to defuse tension when frustrated by funda-mental differences with his wife, Erin. Add in a determination to defend his sex from female party guests who told him "all men are assholes". and his Caveman philosophy was born. He opened in a small San Francisco venue in 1991, began to sell out, then moved steadily eastwards, collecting mixed reviews and "house full" signs wherever he went. When he hit Broadway in 1995, lukewarm notices again did nothing to stem the crowds. Word-of-mouth turned an unknown into a phenomenon.

"I think a big factor in the show's success is that at base Caveman is a love story between myself and my wife - and with Mark Little the resonance will come from his relationship with his wife," says Becker. "All



Stone me: Mark Little, who will be presenting Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman in the West End

the differences between men and women are used within the conventions of a romantic comedy. I keep the sexes at odds until the end, when

there's a reconciliation." Caveman's emphasis on the need for couples to acknowledge their differences has turned America's marriage guidance counsellors into some of Becker's biggest fans and he even performed at the annual conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. "I've got dozens of letters from couples saying.

RICHARD BEAN'S enjoyable

new piece is in the tradition of

The Changing Room, The

Contractor and Life Class, plays that established David Storey as the Royal Court's

house-dramatist with their ul-

tra-realistic yet suggestive por-trayals of the miniworlds of (re-

spectively) rugby, tent erection and, well, life-classes. When

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We were having a rough patch and

you helped us through it," he says. The son of an accountant, he grew up in San Jose, "about as far from showbiz as you can get", and is still occasionally "startled awake" by the success of the show. He need only have cleared \$500 from each American performance to have become a millionaire, although his lifestyle re-mains "pure" middle-class. "We live in Ross, a small town just north of San Francisco, in a nice family house with a big backyard for our three

young kids to play in." At about 100 minutes a show, Becker has now spent the equivalent of five months of his life delivering "ever noticed how ...?" observational cornedy about adult behaviour - and reckons he is good for another couple of years on the road. His attention is, however, turning towards a sequel addressing the joys of parenthood. In Becker's evolutionary cycle, Caveman will eventually become CaveDad.

Defending the Caveman opens tonight at the Apollo Theatre, W1 (0171-494 5070)

Storey-style observation. Gen-

tly, unpretentiously, Bean and

a fine cast build up their pro-

files: Ewan Hooper as tacitum

old Walter, unhappy at home

and slipping at work; Paul Wy-

ett as the goofy former trawler-man Dezzie; Matthew Dun-

ster as aggressive yet decent Peter; Mark Williams as

Blakey, the morose charge-

hand with the dodgy past; Sam Kelly as the upbeat Cecil.

You'll laugh when Cecil

breezily observes that there

are many things worse than a

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Coltart pipes in the new generation

FROM JOHN GREEN IN DOHA

Masters title about to get under way here, Andrew Coltart was in confident mood yesterday and ready to blow the trumpet for a new generation of Ryder Cup players. The Scot, 28, pronounced Europe's contest with the United States in September as his main objective for the year and gave warning of the stern challenge ahead for the faltering old guard.

The travails of many of Europe's household names have led to speculation that the time is right for change and Coltart was not about to argue after his final practice round. "A lot of guys will play who haven't played before," he said, "All of a sudden Faldo won't be there. nor will Langer, Woosnam, Seve , these guys, whether you like it or not, are getting on a bit.

Everyhody out here is trying as hard as they can to get into the Ryder Cup team. It's a goal that you always have to have in the back of your mind. Your immediate goal is to play as well as you can, try and knock a couple of tournaments off and, if you can be successful with that, hopefully the Ryder Cup will take care of itself."

Nick Faldo's late withdrawal from the European Tour event, which begins here today, was a surprise to many, especially after his dismal showing at the Dubai Desert Classic last week, when he failed to make the cut. His admission into the Andersen Consulting World Match Play Championship in California gives him a golden opportunity to pick up points, but the thought of facing Tiger Woods



WITH the defence of his Qatar in the first round is unlikely to give a shot in the arm to his already dwindling confidence.

Patrik Sjoland, of Sweden, said yesterday that he believed as many as seven or eight newcomers may make the Ryder Cup team and Coltart thinks that such an outcome would be beneficial. "It's going to be said that the team is too inexperienced, but how do you gain experience without first being thrown in at the deep end?" he said.

Mark James, the Ryder Cup captain, admitted here yesterday that apart from a few familiar names, the final 12 golfers who will fly to Boston are impossible to predict. "I know certain faces are going to be there. I'd put money on them. Monty, Westwood, Clarke, Bjorn will be there, but apart from them, no one is certain. It's up for grabs,"

James, who has ruled himself out of contention after a poor start to last year, had no problem with the idea of pushing previously untried players into the spotlight. "The household names are still good players but, having said that, there's lots of young talent out there and they are very good players, and very fit," he said.

Coltart feels that his form is returning after finishing a disap-pointing joint 41st in Dubai. "The fairways here are immaculate, the greens are fantastic and the tees are great," he said. "Maybe I should have hit a bunker shot today, but I didn't hit any bunkers. Last week was funny — I played terrible tee to green on the first two rounds, but chipped and putted fantastically well. Then I putted poorly while my game came back."

After a few days of heavy rain here last week the course is in fine shape and, with temperatures in the mid-20s, a moderate breeze is the only element that could spoil perfect conditions. Woosnam, David Howell, Mark Roe and Justin Rose provide further British interest in the event, which is expected to receive strong support from Qatar's large expatriate

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Spiriting away the joy of playing

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SIMON BARNES

Weekend View

reaking the law is a very small matter, a venial sin. Breaking a gentleman's agreement is a heinous crime, a mortal sin. That is the ethico-philosophical stance of the Football Association, which was made plain in the extraordinary aftermath of the Kanu Affair.

Football has a gentleman's agree-ment under which a ball is politely kicked out of play when a player is injured, and at the restart politely returned to the side that surrendered it. But Arsenal scored a goal by flouting this convention. Afterwards, Arsène Wenger.

Arsenal manager, said that the match should be replayed.

Astonishingly, the FA at once agreed. You don't get a replay if you are the victim of cheating. But if it is a gentleman's agreement, that is another matter entirely. The FA is in the position of the gentleman about town — I pay my gam-bling debts at once, but my tailor can wait two years. Honour takes precedence over law.

Oddly enough, cricket is trying to bring honour and law together. A seven-point preamble to the new edition of the Laws, which will be published next year, is entitled The Spirit of Cricket", and I read that "it will not itself be one of the laws, but will carry the force of law". Which doesn't seem to me to eradicate all confusion. In fact, I don't understand it. Perhaps cricket is not about deciding which is the better team, but a way of gathering air miles to heaven.

You must not, for example "seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent handdapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusi-asm or motivation of one's own side". At a stroke, all of cricket becomes impossible.

As a wicketkeeper, my best asset was my ability to suck air through heard 15 yards away. I used the technique to express my amazement that so excellent a ball some-



how failed to find an edge or scrape a stump. No point in being amazed if the batsman can't hear you. But teeth-sucking must now

"Bowled, Fish, bowled!" Slapping the gauntlets together like a woman beating a carpet, I wanted the batsman to feel that he was caught between an untarned force of nature at one end and a hostile human presence at the other. Noth-

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I remember a batsman once ask-

ing for dead silence when he was

said before the bowler began his run-up. Every time. And then

when slips and bowlers changed

But the spirit of any game only exists as a living thing, as part of the comings and goings of the game. A few years ago, the convention of footballers kicking the ball into touch didn't exist. It has ends, we did so on tiptoe. Techee. But all these joco-serious exchanges, part of the warp and woof of tricket, are now against the law. So is the pastime of appealing for the simple joy if it. You don't expect or even want the batsman to be given out. It's just a nice din to make on a sunny afternoon, and nice to rub in the fact that the batsman has been beaten. And that, too, is now illegal. It is part of every game, but

not, apparently, part of the spirit of cricket, what they call "the spirit of

The spirit of cricket exists, but,

like the spirit of football or the spir-

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words assumes that the spirit can be separated from the body, that it

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grown up, and it is a pleasant thing, like the handshakes when hostilities have ceased. They are courtesies that demonstrate that the encounter between the players is not a serious matter. Serious, l mean, as in life and death. Perhaps the spirit of sport lies in the recognition that, at bottom, it is 'Perhaps cricket is merely a way of

not war. As stakes rise, so games become more important. But if they lose every aspect of play, they become a war without weapons, an supportable absurdity,
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strate that sport is essentially frivoous and that understanding is a key to much of sport's pleasure. Sport is pleasurable because it

doesn't matter. The spirit of fair matters is the spirit of play. Sport is not a matter of life and death; it is merely a matter of life.

SNOOKER

O'Sullivan granted free ride by Birch

BY PHIL YATES

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN, the holder, enjoyed a free passage into the second round of the Scottish Open in Aberdeen yesterday when his scheduled opponent, Jon Birch, of Middlesbrough, missed his flight to the granite city.

Birch, who supplements his modest income from snooker as a fitted kitchen salesman, failed in his attempts to charter a helicopter at Newcastle airport and, with insufficient time to drive to the event, had no option but to withdraw. He will hope that he has less trouble fulfilling his next engagement. After surprisingly overcoming Jimmy White in the final qualifying round of the China International, he must travel to Shanghai next month.

OSullivan advances to meet Paul Hunter in the last 32, but three members of the elite top 16 in the world rankings, including Steve Davis, were eliminated. Many knowledgeable observers could not remember the six-time world champion playing so poorly as he did during his 5-1 defeat by Darren

Neither could Davis. "It wasn't a bad day at the office, it was much worse than that," he said. "I didn't do anything properly." Though discouraging for Davis, the outcome vindicated Clarke's decision to battle on through physiotherapy after suffering whiplash injuries in a car accident on the MI in 1997.

Ken Doherty, the world No 4, survived an awkward opener against Joe Swail, from Northern treland, winning 5-2 and then call-ing for a rethink of the snooker calendar to prevent burnout of the top players.

Doherty, who lost to John Hig-gins in the final of the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley on Sunday, could be in action every day until Sunday if he reaches another final, said: "The season should be spaced out. We should have ten ranking tournaments with players able to choose any eight. At the moment they all come one after the other. It has really only affected me this week, but I imagine it takes a toll on players like Mark Wil-liams and John Higgins, who have been more consistent."

Alain Robidoux, the world No 14, was beaten 5-2 by Drew Henry, but Mark King, the No 16 seed, who deroute to the quarter-finals of the Masters last week, lost 5-2 to Quinten Hann, of Australia.

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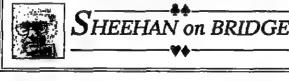
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jack and continued with the ten of hearts. When Cohen won with the king he could tell declarer would not have another heart. If declarer had had three hearts he could not afford the line of play he had followed - he would have ducked a heart and attempted to take a heart ruff. So Cohen found the killing switch - a diamond, giving West a ruff for

Sandkvist went in with the

At the other table Irving Gordon as North bid Three

Hearts after the auction had started One Spade - Two Diamonds - Two Spades. Then when Boris Schapiro rebid Three No-Trumps he removed to Four Spades. That made Wright (sitting West) think North had a three-suited hand short in clubs, so he led a trump. solving all declarer's problems; he made eleven tricks. In the other semi-final.

both North-South pairs

made Four Spades. ☐ From 27 February for a week I will be enjoying the sunnier climate of the island of Malta for their annual Festival of Bridge. Anyone interested in joining me should contact Sally Brock on 01494 450620.

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WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

EXERCITOR

a. A type of gladiator b. A Roman trainer

c. A marine businessman

DIMARIS a A syllogism b. A peninsula

c. An edible bivalve

EXSPUTTION a. Extreme haste b. Contempt

c. Spitting out DELIBATE a. A confirmed bachelor

b. To taste c. To pour a libation Answers on page 42



By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Fifty years ago

Of the various events in 1949, one of the most prominent was the international tournament in Venice. It featured one of the better performances of Harry Golombek, who had served as a code-breaker at Station X, Bletchley Park, during World War II and went on to become a long serving chess correspondent for The Times. In 1985. Golombek was awarded the grandmaster title hon-

oris causa. In the following game Golombek beats off a ferocious sacrificial attack from his opponent, the dangerous Franco-Polish grandmaster Tartakower.

White: Savielly Tartakower Black: Harry Golombek Venice 1949 Slav Defence

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26 27 Qe6 Bd4 Be3 Rb1 24 gxf5 Bd4 Nf3+ Nbd4 KI2 Rb2

Diagram of final position

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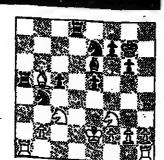
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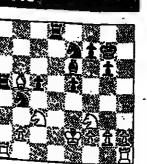
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Black to play. This position is from the game Adu-Laouini, Cairo 1998

How did Black exploit the superior activity of his forces in fine style?

Solution on page 42





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Robert Wright finds the champion jockey riding to form in Hong Kong

Fallon's star shines brightly in the East

fter winning his second successive jockeys' title, Kieren Fallon could have been forgiven for joining the traditional Newmarket winter migration to the West winter migration to the West Indies. Some hope.

Coming to the end of a suc-cessful three-month stint in Hong Kong, Fallon's appetite for winners seems as insatiable as ever. Worst still for his rivals, he believes that he will return better than ever.

Fallon has long been recog-nised as a jockey of rare strength in a finish. With most races at Hong Kong's two tracks - Sha Tin and Happy Valley — comprising sprint handicaps around a sharp bend, he has had to adapt to the frantic tempo.

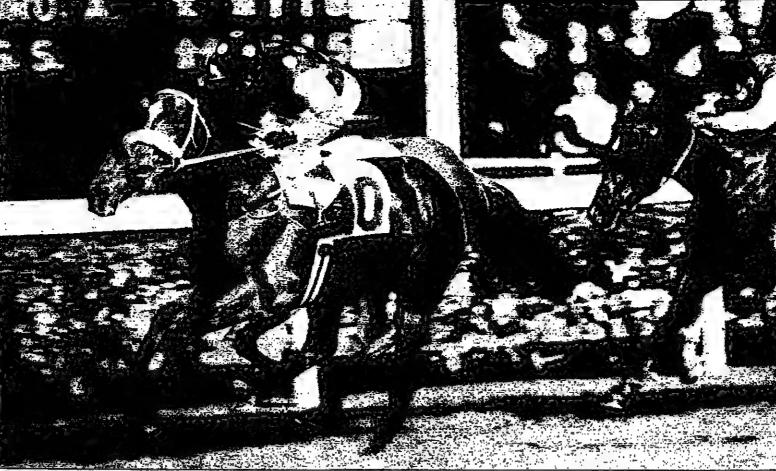
With the tracks being so tight, you really have to watch out," he said. "There are some good jockeys out here, but there are plenty of bad ones, too - particularly some of the apprentices. I think I will be sharper than ever when I get

Fallon has broken the 200-winner barrier in both of his championship years, and anyone hoping to usurp his position will have an uphill bat-tle if he hits his targets. "My main aim is to become the first jockey to ride more than 200 winners for three years in a row. Barring injury and suspensions,I think I have a great

Further bad news for pretenders to his title is that Fal-lon believes that Henry Cecil, his main employer, has "the strongest team since I've been there." With Ian Balding having secured second claim on his services, the outlook has never been brighter for him. The Irishman has certainly made a huge impact on the

gambling-mad Chinese since

2.30 Henry Cando



Fallon swoops on the outside to claim another winner at Happy Valley and continue his winning ways in Hong Kong this winter

his arrival in the former British colony. A total of 16 winners may not sound too exciting, but with an average of just two meetings a week, he has rarely left the track-emptyhanded. Given the competitive nature of the racing, his strike rate - at around one in seven the best in the jockeys! table makes impressive reading.

Both tracks in Hong Kong are tight and right-handed but Happy Valley, surrounded by high rise blocks and neon lights, is Fallon's favourite. The atmosphere is just electric," he said. "It's like Chester, but under floodlights and with much bigger crowds."

The lack of racing every day has given Fallon the chance to

relax more than usual. Not that that is high on his list of priorities. He has been unable to resist the lure of regular trips to India, most recently last weekend when he played a starring role for a visiting team of riders in a match against the locals.

Racing in Hong Kong is as close to perfection as it can be

for a jockey (or owner, trainer and punter, for that matter). Average prize-money per race of HK\$755,000 (about £60,000) is the highest in the world. The lowest grade of races carry prize-money of HK\$419,000. The financial situation is boistered by a maxi-

mum income tax rate of 15 per

Fallon is understandably delighted to have received his invitation from the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC). "You are looked after brilliantly - I am living just over the road from Sha Tin. There are no expenses. The accommodation is provided and the owners love to take you out. With the tax rate being so low, you could soon

Lover. 4.50 BLUE MOON (nap).

make yourself financially se-

The reasons for this apparent eutopia are simple. One, racing provides the only legal form of gambling. Two, there are no bookmakers syphoning off large profits.

The HKJC recently pro-

duced its annual report for 1998, and the figures are mindboggling; betting turnover of HK\$91,413 million (£7,319 million), from just 75 meetings, generated HK\$12,069 million m tax revenue for the Government. Even with such a large slice being taken, punters re-ceive 81.4 per cent of their money back and there is plenty left

for the racing industry.

Betting turnover is of paramount importance. The HKJC is acutely aware of which type of race punters wish to bet on. Large fields of maidens are not the order of the day most races are competitive handicaps.

The average prize-money won by a horse in training last season was HK\$360,000. The British Horseracing Board, in its eternal struggle to take more crumbs from the bookmakers' table, can only dream of such

Fallon, not surprisingly, would "very much" like to be invited again next year. He leaves after racing on February 27, before broadening his horizons still further when competing for Europe against the United States in California on March 15.

There is no danger of him being ring-rusty for the start of the new turf Flat season at Doncaster on March 25. It would take a brave man to bet against him retaining his title.

Sedgefield pile-up, page 1

Tote lines up £2m sponsor package

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE Tote is contributing a record £2 million to race sponmonths — almost a 50 per cent increase on the previous year. More than 200 races will be supported by the pool betting organisation, compared to 110 in 1998-9, and all of Britain's 59 racecourses wil benefit from the largesse.

The biggest increase in sponsorship will see the Tote

taking on the Showcase race

programme, previously supported by the company along-side the other big bookmakers. The plan to create a feature betting race every day was launched at the start of last year's Flat season and has proved increasingly popular. Peter Jones, the Tote chairman, said: "The idea was to give one race a day a good boost, to lift it out of the ordinary and give the betting pub-lic something to excite them

has worked well and is improving all the time. The other bookmakers were generous in their support up until now, but that financial backing was never open-ended. In order for Showcase to develop, it has been necessary for us to pledge our backing for what we believe is a real winner."

on a daily basis. The concept

The highlights of the Tote sponsorship programme include the Cheltenham Gold Cup, the International Handicap at Ascot,the Cesarewitch and the Cambridgeshire, the Ebor, the Chester Cup and the Silver Bowl at Haydock, which is being doubled in val-

THUNDERER 2.00 Running Man 3.30 The Minder 4.00 Edan Heights

4.30 Titus Andronicus 3.00 Salmon Breeze Timekeeper's top rating: 4.00 TAKEAMEMO. Carl Evans: 4.30 Titus Andronicus.

GOING: CHASES: GOOD TO SOFT; HURDLES: SOFT

2.00 BURMARSH NOVICES HURDLE (£2,854: 2m 1i 110yd) (14 runners)



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3.00 NYCHURCH NOVICES CHASE (£4,143: 2m 5f) (11 runners)

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3.30 BILSINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,953: 2m 4f 110yd) (17 runners)



Long Handicap: Yai Alfara 9-13, Surpise Gunne 9-10, Greenskie Chai 9-2, Nighi Tinyne 9-2.

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THE MINDER ran well from out of the handicap last time and has claims back oil his proper mark

4.00 THREE COUNTIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,245; 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

BETTING: 3-2 Tyleogramo, 3-1 Stooth, 7-2 Edzni Heigitis, 6-1 Hol 'n Sancy, 13-2 Roderick Harlson, 14-1 Telano, 16-1 Stophents Rest.

16-1 Stephents Res.

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EDAN HEIGHTS, placed in each of his three hundle starts, appears fairly weighted on his handicap bow

4.30 R. E. SASSOON MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (£1,075; 3m 2f) (6 numbers)

BETTING: 13-8 Taus Andronicus, 4-1 Mr Invader, Springtonn Rath, 9-2 Sheer Ability, 6-1 Charmer's Wint, 25-1 Charden.

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SHEER ABILITY, a one-time useful beneficap chaser, is worth this chance to show he is no back aumber

5.00 Levy board intermediate open national hunt flat (£1,420: 2m 1t 110yd) (10 runners)

BETTEME: 4-5 Dromdicrae, 5-7 Styr. 7-1 Lete Rouge, 8-1 Brucklan Glen, Jereik, 10-1 Dreammonn Rovers, 33-1 Nash, 50-1 others.

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er. 4.30 Charden, Springfarm Rath. Musselburgh: 1.50 Madman's Mirage 3.50 William Of Orange, 4.20 Better Bythe Glass.

YESTERDAY'S

□ Richard Evans yesterday landed an 11-1 double with Welsh Mountain (3-1, nap) and Noisy Miner (2-1) at Leicester.

Sedgefield

Going: good

2.39 (3m 3i ch) 1, Tumpole (Mr A Dempsey, 4-5 lav); 2, Monshear (8-1); 3, Lothen Commander (40-1), 15 ren. 4l, hd. Mrs Mrweley, 15to, 22.20; 5t 40, 52.10, C10.60. DF 66:20 CSF: C7.60 3.09 (2m 51 110 yd hole) 1, Celclames (A Dobban, 3-1); 2, Saxon Victory (4-1); 3, Ka-risma (7-1), doly Mersier (4th) 9-4 lav. 15 ran 151, (2-2). Mrs Mernta Jones Toter 13 70; 12-150, 11.60, 12.60 DF: £8.90. CSF 813 67.

3.30 (2m 11 httle) 1, Fatishesishelr (C Mc-Comtack, 5-1); 2, Country Orchol (18-2), 3, Once More For Luck (5-1), Fapun 7-2 lav, 12 ran, 4l, 14l B Elison Toler ES 40, 52.20, 62.60, 52.60, DF: \$14.80, Total Tri-leota; 5244.50 CSF: \$41.23, Tincast, 5279.31.

DF: 2253.L C3. (1825; Integs: 1143); 4.39 (2m Si ch) 1, District Hills (J. Burko, 25-1); 2, Heavy Hustler (14-1); 3, Mike Stan (5-2 kay, 15 nar. 7l, 25l, J. Dodds. Tole (25.20); 23 10, 12, 70, 21.60. DF: £171.20. CSF. £316.00. 6.00 (2m 11 flet) 1, Simple Tonio (R Mo-Grath, 46 fav); 2, Barton No; (8-1); 3, Lam-bron Man (20-1); 13 ran, NR: Mathemati-cal (6.1 *4.1 Easterby, Tonic £1.70; £1 10, £3.10, £5.70. DF: £8.40. CSF: £8.60. Jackpot not won (pool of £9,374.55 carried forward to Wolverhampton to-

Placepot: £703.70. Quadpot: £18.40. Leicester

Goings chase course: gd-sit, pd in pics, hurdle course: soft, heavy patiches 2.20 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Resganssque (R Farrarit, 9-2), 2, Kelly Mac (9-2); 3, End-cy Dencer (12-1), River Bay 3-1 fav. 12 ran 2t, 3, P Murphy Tote: \$5.40, \$2 10, \$1.70 (23.60, DF: \$11.50 CSF: \$22 64 Theast \$208.98

cast £208.86
2.50 [2m hd/le] 1, Brambles Way (A Magure, 7-2]; 2, Pruscia (100-30 fav); 3, Brancspeth Belle (7-1) 12 ran, 2:4, 71, F Jorden, Tole E4 40; £2.20, £1.30, £1.90 DF. £8.40 CSF, £14.35
3.20 [2m il ch] 1, Boulevand Bay (J A McCarthy, 50-1); 2, Flou tell Bos (6-1), 3, Sweep Clean (12-1), Waynflete 6-5 fav. 13 ran, NR; Smart Guy, 141, 31 Mrs P Robeson, Tole: \$82.20; £10.10, \$2.20, \$2.80, DF. £432.80 CSF £300.16 22 du. Dr. 2422-0 CST 1.200.16 3.80 (2m 7) 110yd ch) 1, Noley Miner (R Johnson, 2-1 tavl. 2, Dark Stranger (9-4), 3, Oreanthreequarters (12-1), 7 ran NR-ky Boy 111, 91 D Nicholson, Tote, £2 50; £1 70, £1,90 DF: £5,60, CSF-£6,57, Tri-cast: £35,61

Cast: £35.61 4.20 (2m hdle) 1, Goodwood Cavaller (R Johnson, 8-13 lav), 2, Connobe (12-1), 3, Sadler's Secret (9-4), 10 ran 114, 41, Mes Venetia, Wilsons, Totes, £170, £1 10, £1 50, £1.10, DF, £8.40 CSF; £8.51 4.90 (2m hole) 1, Welsh Mountain (A S Smith, 3-1 tayl, 2, Province (100-30); 3, Ring of Vision (8-1) 7 ran 174 221 K. Mor-oar: Tote: 52.70; £1.30, £2.50. DF: £5.50 CSF: £12.10. Placapot: £252.50. Quadpot: £66.70.

Lingfield Park Going: standard 2.10 (1m) 1, Pacific Alliance (G Carler, 4-1), 2, Lagend Falls (5-2), 3. Parte Prima (12-1) Icenic (4th) 7-4 lav 10 ran NR Call-dia Seventisen, 5, 11-1, IT Armstrong, Total 54 fb; EV, 50, ET, 40, E2 00 DF 55,70, CSF: £14.53

CSF: E14.93
240 (fm) 1. Naudical Warning (N Day, 25-1): 2, Homastead (8-1) 3. Without Fleinds (10-1) Critical Ar 5-2 tav 12 ran 2, 68. B. Johnson. Tote: £16.69; £2.30, £3.40, £4.70. DF. £125.00 CSF £197 12 Treast £2.009 34. 3.10 (1m 2i) 1, Van Gurp (J Qurn, 11-4 tav); 2, Zidac (6-1); 3, Enton (5-1), 11 ran 101, 3'sl. G. L. Moore Tote: £3 10, £1.10, £3 70, £2.20 DF £10.90, CSF, £18 69 3.40 (Im 2h 1, Bank On Him (J Ounn, 11-2): 2, Thekryaeti (3-1 fav): 3, Tailuleh Ber (6-1) 10 ran. Sh hd. Sh hd. G Moore Tole 210 20; 53.80, 51.50, 51.10 OF \$10.10 CSF \$21.44 Tricast \$26.52 4.10 (6) 1. Bold Effort (F Coclivane, 14-1): 2. Mukemab (2-1 fav), 3, Double-O (20-1) 9 ran 4(, 3 k Curningham-Brown fote: £12.40, £2.70, £1 10, £3 00. DF £17.80. CSF £38.81 Tneast: £459 38. 4.40 (Im 4) 1, Hurgill Denoer (P Oce 11-2: 2, Rushed (25-1); 3, Haydn James (11-4 fee) 13 ran. 1 J, hd. R O'Sullivan. Tote. 27-20: 22:00, 64:00, 21:30. DF \$107.50 CSF: \$139-95 Tricast \$436.77 Placepot: \$362.50. Quedpot: \$8.10. MUSSELBURGH

1.50 Master Tern. 2.20 Zahid. 2.50 Dorans Way. 3.20 Gale Force, 3.50 Charile Banker, 4.20 Satin

Carl Evans: 4.20 Coole Abbey.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM, GOOD IN PLACES (7.30AM INSPECTION) STS 1.50 TOM MCCONNELL MEMORIAL JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-0: £2,801: 2m) (14 runners)

11-10 Master Tern. 11-4 Albrication, 5-1 Companies, 6-1 Stone Beck. 10-1 others.

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4 5222 SANTA JET 25 (BF.D.F.S) G M Moor 8-10-9. J Callaghan
5 512-CAMPTOSALPUS 231 (CD.F.) O Asce 10-10-5. A Dobbin
8 0P94 MAYRE D'ERADY 82 (D.G.S.) W Consingtom 10-10-5 N South
7 1043 SEPRANI FEERO 4 (D.F.) D Lamb 9-10-1 M J Cowsley (5)
8 3000 BROWNRATH KING 88 (G.S.) C Gram 10-10-0 R Supple

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5-2 Astrac 7no, 11-4 Cooks Abbey, 7-2 Better Bythe Glass, 6-1 Joint Account. Class Burs, 10-1 Across The Card, Sabn Loves, 66-1 others.

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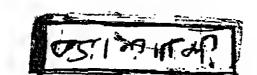
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United manager says recent reverses against Arsenal can be halted

Ferguson has eye on winning the race

By Stephen Wood

THOSE who rail against the superfluous hype accompanying contests involving Manchester United and Arsenal will maintain that, whatever the outcome at Old Trafford tonight, there is time yet for either club to manipulate destiny in the FA Carling Premiership race.

Recent history, sides with the glory-seekers. There is compelling evidence that, whenever the reds of Manchester and North London clash in the grey area between winter and spring, the victors flourish and the losers scale for second place from here until May.

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"This is one heck of a big game," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said. Three seasons ago, in March 1996, United beat Arsenal by a single goal before going forward to claim the Double. Two seasons ago, almost to the day, United triumphed by a single goal at Highbury and the title was theirs. Last season, in March, Arsenal won, courtesy of a solitary strike from Marc

Overmars. The visitors to Old Trafford that day drew so much confidence from that moment that they did not drop any more points until the Premiership

crown had been wrenched from United's grasp. Ferguson is in no doubt as to its impact. We lost the championship that day," he said.

Over the course of those three years. Ferguson has seen Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal manager, grow from being a newcomer that he could dominate to an equal he can respect, if a little begrudgingly. Yesterday, Wenger was not backward in coming forward. "We know we can bear Unit-ed," he said.

There is no longer a psycho-logical handicup for us, be-cause our record against them recently is so good. It has been a difficult few days for the club, but the players are fo-cused and they have forgotten what happened in the game with Sheffield United last

"Our win in the match against United last year put our fate in our own hands. Beforehand, I was only thinking that if we could get a draw, it would not be such a bad result for us." Despite his bullishness, a similar sentiment may hold sway once more. Last season. United were seriously understrength: this time, the misfortune is reversed.

Roy Keane, Gary Pallister, Nicky Butt and Ryan Giggs were missing from the United side II months ago. Arsenal, with Vieira and, in particular, Emmanuel Petit magnificent in midfield, took advantage. Petit is suspended tonight,

however. Likewise Dennis Bergkamp, while Martin Keown, who yesterday urged his club to present him with a new



contract that would keep him at Highbury for the rest of his career, is also absent. He is suffering from the hamstring injury that forced him off the field in the international between England an France last week.

Only Giggs is definitely missing for United, because his hamstring pull has not recovered sufficiently. Keane and Scholes return from suspension, providing cause for optimism for Ferguson.
"I bet you couldn't name our

side for the game last year." he said. "Now, I don't think we could be playing Arsenal at a

"We are playing with confidence, the team spirit is great and we are looking forward to it.' Even their poor record

against Arsenal in the past 18 months is not intimidating them. Ferguson said: "We know we've lost the last four to them and we are not burying our head in the sand over the bad run. But we had the upper hand before that, so these fluctuations will always happen."

The rider to all this is that. for once, other clubs such as Cheisea and Aston Villa would claim to have a proper chance of breaking the duopoly. However, there remains the feeling that United and Arsenal will prevail again to fight it out for the Premiership title. A draw

tonight, therefore, would not be a surprising result. Wenger said: "We have fought like crazy to get back into the title race and we are not going to throw it away now."

United yesterday recruited Bojan Djordic, a 17-year-old midfield player, from the Swedish club, Brommapojkarna. He has signed on a fouryear contract and will arrive at Old Trafford in the summer. "He is the best young player in Sweden." Ferguson said.

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Reid believes Everton offer Weir a fresh challenge

BY STEPHEN WOOD AND RUSSELL KEMPSON

EVERTON yesterday won the race for the signature of David Weir by offering Heart of Middothian the Scottish Premier League club, a nominal sum for the Scotland international defender. Weir was out of contract at Tynecastic at the end of the season, so Everton paid Hearts around E200,000 for him.

Weir is expected to be on the substitutes' bench for the FA Carling Premiership match against Middles-brough at Goodison Park tonight Walter Smith, the Everton manager, said: "I tried to sign David when he was at Falkirk and I was manager of Rangers."
For Weir, the move offers a

new challenge after five years playing in Scotland. "Everton. are samppling, but they are still a massive club," he said. Asion Villa attempt to regain their winning thread when they take on Leods United at Villa Park, but may have to make do without Dion Dublin in the near for ture. The England forward needs a bernix operation that will keep him out of action for

six weeks.

Dublin has been troubled by a groin injury for the past month and was hoping to defy the pain and keep play-ing until the end of the season. but John Gregory, the Villa manager, said yesterday that he was now resigned to Dublin undergoing surgery soon.
"There's no question he is
struggling. He is not doing
himself justice and there are times when he is in severe

pain," Gregory said. Cheisea meet Blackburn Rovers at Stamford Bridge without Dennis Wise, their captain, who begins a four-match suspension. He was sent off for the fourth time this season in the 4-2 win against Oxford United in an FA Cup fourth-round replay

his men can dispel doubts George Caulkin on a high-flying

club that still has hurdles to clear

SUNDERLAND, have a problem. Their gleaming new stadium boasts regular attendances of around 40,000, they lead their division by an eight-point margin and to most rival managers, their prospective promotion is accepted as fact. At first glance, there does not appear to be too much wrong, but a couple of snags have been hit: perception and expectation. Having spent the majority of the past two years at full throttle — relegation from the FA Carling Premiership

a move from Roker Park, defeat in the Nationwide League first division play-off final and another promotion tilt this time - minds on Wearside have begun to wander. It is now not enough to derive quiet satisfaction from each new league table; every result must be pondered and dissected for its wide significance. When even their manager, Peter Reid talks of "when we go up, it is an understandable. obsession, but three recent re-

In the FA.Cup they were toppled by Blackburn Rovers, despite the luxury of playing against ten men for a third of the match. They knocked Everion out of the Worthington Cup. but only on penalties, to reach the last four of the competition, but then suffered a 2-1 defeat to Leicester City in the home leg of their semi-final three

sults have caused alarm.

The inference is clear. By far the most accomplished side in the Nationwide League, yet struggling against those of a higher strata, Sunderland are already suffering from unflattering comparisons. The ageold question of why Reid has not further bolstered a position of strength by signing

being raised. He does not like it one bit. "I think we've handled the Premiership clubs very well," he said yes-terday. "At present, I'm not too concerned, but when we go up we'll need to improve."
With a handful of his more influential players now fully recovered from injury. Reid believes the semi-final second leg at Filbert Street tonight will showcase a

ed two goals to Tony Cottee at the Stadium of Light. Reid's prediction may well be dependent on the Sunder-

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land midfield, which struggled to contain Neil Lennon and, particularly, Muzzy Izzet in the first encounter Much also hangs on Niall Quinn, who with 15 goals to his credit this season, is "playing his best ever," according to Reid. "I firmly believe we would have stayed up two years ago if he had been fit," he said. Recalling memories like that only serves to produce more

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FOOTBALL'IN BRIEF

JAMIE POLLOCK, the Manchester City midfield player, has been stripped of the club captaincy after being sent off for the third time this season in the 0-0 draw against Bournemouth on Saturday. Pollock, who faces a three-match suspension. has also been dismissed in games against Notts County and Derby County.

"It's not a knee-jerk reaction and it's not been done out of spite," Joe Royle, the City manager, said yesterday. "He's had three sendings off, two of them dissent related. and this might take Jamie away from these situations. There will be no reason for him to talk to referees any

■ BRIGHTON, the Nationwide League third division club, are asking for £2.8 million in compensation from Aston Villa for Michael Standing, their former midfield player. Standing, 17. joined Villa last year and was a substitute during Vilia's 3-1 defeat against Blackburn Rovers earlier this month. The fee will be decided by a tribunal, which earlier this season ruled that Villa should pay Brighton El million in instalments for Gareth Barry, who has graduated into the Villa first team and England Under-21 sides since leaving the South

Coast club. **■** SOUTHAMPTON have signed Marian Pahars, the Larvia striker, for a fee of 5800,000. Pahars. 22, scored at an average of almost one goal in every two games for Skonto Riga, the Latvian champions. "A friend recommended him." David Jones, the Southampton manager, said. "He's rated as highly as Michael Owen in his home country. Southampton will have to

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Liverpool appeal against dismissal

By Our Sports Staff

LIVERPOOL have contacted the Football Association to ask for the red card that Jamie Carragher received against Charlton Athletic on Saturday to be reconsidered. Carragher was sent off by Mike Reed, the Birmingham referee, after a clash with Martin Pringle, the Charlton striker, during Charlton's

1-0 victory at The Valley. Gérard Houllier, the Liverpool manager, has been highly critical of Reed's handling of the game, and studied the match video before deciding to lodge an official appeal. A club spokesman said: "After look-

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ing at the video, we feel that the red card was unwarranted and we have officially appealed against the decision.

Carragher was adjudged by Reed to have hit Pringle with his arm, but Liverpool claim it was unintentional. Reed has said he would be prepared to look at the match video if asked to do so by the FA.

On the transfer front, there are reports from Portugal that Benfica are interested in Brad Friedel, the Liverpool No 2 goalkeeper. The American has

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lost his place to David James this season, and Graeme Souness, the former Liverpool manager who is now in charge of the Lisbon club, is believed to have had talks with the player's representatives.

Manchester United supporters have voted Eric Cantona the best player in the club's history. A readers' ballot organised by United's official magazine puts Cantona in top spot ahead of George Best, Sir Bobby Charlton and Duncan Ed-

FOR THE RECORD

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Ryan Giggs took third place and David Beckham, eighth. finished ahead of another star of the sixties, Denis Law.

Forgotten were Billy Me-redith as well as Liam Whelan, Jackie Blanchflower and David Pegg, some of the Bus-by Babes. Justyn Barnes, the magazine editor, is not too surprised. "The average age of our readers is 22, and that is reflected in the high placing of modern players," he said.

Top 10: 1, Ent Cantona, 2, George Besl, 3, Ryan Gops, 4, Sir Bobby Charlom, 5, Bryan Robson, 6, Curron Edwards, 7, Peter Sch-mertel, 8, David Beckbarn, 9, Mask Hugb-

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PETER JONES, the referee at FA Cup tie between Arsenal and Sheffield United on Saturday, is believed to be on the shortlist of candidates to take charge of the FA Cup Final at Wembley on May 22.

Jones had to rule on the second-half incident when Nwankwo Kanu and Marc Overmars, of Arsenal, took advantage of a throw-in that should have beren returned to United player. Alan Kelly, the United goalkeeper, had kicked the ball into touch to allow Lee Morris, his colleague, to receive treatment for an inju-

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BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

ry. Kamu crossed the hall for Overmars to score the goal that gave Arsenal a 2-1 victory and Jones was powerless to disallow it. He mid United players that although he was not hapov about it, there was nothing in the rulebook to enable him to reverse his decision.

Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal manager, and Steve Bruce, his opposite number, later supported Jones's handling of the game. Wenger's offer to re-stage the fifth-round tie was swiftly sanctioned by the Football Association and Jones will

Highbury on February 23. Jones, 45, an account executive from Loughborough, Leicestershire, took charge of the Coca-Cola Cup final between Cheisea and Middlesbrough at Wembley last season. He joined the Football

League referces list in 1988. progressed to the FA Carling Premiership five years ago and took charge of his first European Cup match this season. He is widely respected for his firm manner of officiating and his role at Highbury should not jeopardise his chances of Wembley selection.

Kilmarnock go into Celtic den

By PHIL GORDON

CELTIC PARK may have been eclipsed by the Colosseum in terms of numbers, but conight the ethos of ancient Rome will be transferred to the East End of Glasgow. Only one of the two remain-

ing challengers to Rangers in the Scottish Premier League will be left standing after Celtic and Kilmarnock battle for the right to continue the pursuit, however vain, of the leaders. Neither team can afford to lose, given the margin of deficit, and even a draw will produce self-inflicted wounds More than L1 million spectators have passed through Celt-

ic Park's portals this season, more than any FA Carling Premiership club, yet Bobby Wil-liamson, the Kilmarnock manager, is undaunted by the prospect.
We have probably played

some of our best football against Celtic this season," he said, pointing to a 1-1 draw on a visit to Glasgow in September and a win at Rugby Park as evidence. However, Williamson is

aware that Kilmarnock need an infusion of self-belief after the slump in form since the Scottish Premier League's winter break, which has seen his team slide from just four points behind Rangers to the present gap of 12, with tonight's game in hand.

A win would trim the margin to nine, and Williamson added: "The gap is big enough as it is, and both Celtic and ourselves want to close it. My players realise what is

"We have slipped recently, but I feel we are capable of doing something at Celtic. Some people have written us off, but I would never have the label of 'quitter' stuck on me."

Josef Venglos, the Celtic coach, is likely to choose the same team which defeated Dunferraline 4-0 in the Scottish Cup last Saturday, be-cause of fitness doubts over Alan Stubbs and Tom Boyd, the central defenders.

However, one player who will be watching, rather than playing, is Mark Viduka. The Australia forward had his first taste of action yesterday since his messy transfer from Croatia Zagreb, and scored in a 4-2 win over Motherwell in an under-21 match. Several hundred speciators braved the sleet and rain to capture a glimpse of Viduka, who said later: "It was good to get out on the pitch after two months. but I need to get a few more games under my belf."



Williamson: optimistic



RUGBY UNION

Gloucester finally lose patience with Hill regime

RICHARD HILL'S sudden departure from Gloucester after 3% years in charge is a sign of the times — a modern rugby parable. As in football, failure cannot be tolerated and highprofile, high-salary appointments must be seen to work. In that regard, Hill, who leaves Kingsholm with the club languishing in tenth place in the Allied Dunbar Premiership, must have known that he was living on borrowed time.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of such decisions. which some regard as an unwelcome facet of professionalism, Hill, 37, was struggling to make an impact and his dismissal had been building for some time. It was increasingly obvious that he was losing touch with the players - the dispute with David Sims, the captain, his apparent unwillingness to listen to players such as Philippe Saint Andre, were cases in point.

He alienated supporters with some of his transfer dealings, such as the sale of Phil Greening, and his explanations for defeats were increasingly seen as excuses. At some stage Hill had to take responsibility for the team's plight. He

did not. Richard was the guy in charge. He got the budget he asked for, he got all the players that he wanted to buy in. and if his plans do not work he is the one who has to answer for them. Sometimes hard decisions have to be taken." Tom Walkinshaw, the Gloucester owner, said yesterday, "You cannot sit back with a dozen internationals in your squad and be happy with them in the bottom of the league. The situation means that a change is necessary to enable the club to

achieve its ambitions," The unanimous decision for



Hill: dismissed

Ireland welcome back Ward for Wembley

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

IRELAND, disappointed not to have begun their Five Nations Championship with victory over France, make one change to the XV for the match against Wales at Wembley on Saturday. Andy Ward, the flanker forced to withdraw against France with a leg injury, returns for what will be Ireland's first — and. presumably. only - visit to Wembley. There was never any doubt that David Humphreys would retain the No 10 jersey, despite missing the penalty that would have given

Ireland victory over France. Ward replaces Victor Costello in the back row, with Eric Miller taking the more familiar No 8 position. Costello has recovered from a rib injury to

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take a place among the replacements. Rob Henderson. the Wasps centre, must also be content with a place on the

Jonathan Humphreys, the Wales hooker, is unlikely to play again in the Five Nations this season because he requires a back operation. He will be replaced in the Wales game by Barry Williams, of

Richtmond.

IRELAND: C. O'Shea (London Insh), J. Baship (London Insh), K. Maggs (Bath), J. Baship (London Insh), K. Maggs (Bath), J. Baship (London Insh), K. Maggs (Bath), J. Baship (London Insh), J. College, P. Colchessy (Tourgh Marster), K. Wood (Harlequins), P. Waltace (Saracens), P. Johns (Saracens, P. Johns (Saracens, P. Johns (Saracens, P. Johns, Samcens, capitan), J. Davidson (Castrel) D. O'Culmneagain (Sale), A. Ward (Ballymann), E. Miller (Toranue College) Replacements: R. Handerson (Masps), E. Etwood (Galwegash), C. Scally (UCD), V. Costello (S. May's College), M. Galwey Sharmon), J. Pitzpatrick (Dungarnon), R. Nasdale (Newcastle)

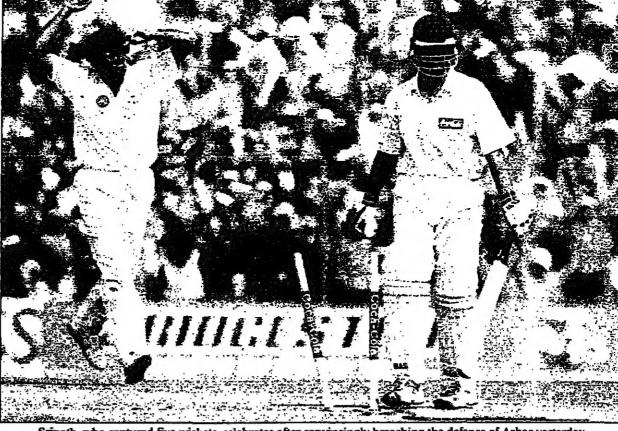
that change had been taken at a board meeting on Thursday night, but Hill was not in-formed until 5pm on Monday by Walkinshaw. The relationship between the two ap-peared, at best, cordial. Hill, who leaves his post as director of rugby with his contract paid up until 2001, alienated his employer last autumn by suggesting that England players should be contracted to the Rugby Football Union rather than to the clubs.

When your employer is a multimillionaire in dispute with Twickenham, that was not the shrewdest move. That was part of Hill's problem; he was too honest for his own good. Perhaps his loyalties do lie with country rather than club. As things stand, his position as England A coach re-mains unaffected. The former England scrum

half arrived at Gloucester from Bath, where he continued to live, in October 1995. In his first two seasons at Kingsholm, Hill ensured that Gloucester escaped relegation and gave the club a cosmetic makeover, bringing in overseas talent such as Saint Andre, who now assumes the coaching role until the end of the season alongside John Brain, the forwards coach. But he achieved little of substance apart from twice reaching the semi-final of the cup. He believed that solid foundations were being put in place, however, and he had no inkling of his impending fate.

"It has been a fair old shock," he said yesterday. "Gloucester's position in the league doesn't look very good. so I have no leg to stand on there. I shall have to spend the next couple of days giving it a lot of thought. I have no plans in place because I had not intended to lose my job over-

☐ David Campbell, who resigned as a director of Newcastle Falcons last week, has launched a formal bid to buy Sir John Hall's 76 per cent shareholding in the club on behalf of a consortium of Tyne-side businessmen. The Newcastle Gosforth Shareholders Association, which controls the other 24 per cent, is also believed to be preparing a deal to buy Sir John's shareholding.



Srinath, who captured five wickets, celebrates after convincingly breaching the defence of Azhar yesterday

Wasim surrenders initiative

FROM RICHARD HOBSON IN CALCUTTA

Srinath, returning figures of five for 46, and Venkatesh Prasad before Kumble had

sent down a ball in anger. On

a pitch with a hint of green.

first over. When the pair next

crossed swords. Shahid was

CALCUTTA ifirst day of five: Pakistan won toss): India, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 159 runs behind Pakistan

WATCHING Pakistan subside yesterday morning recalled the great farce of English cricket known as the NatWest Trophy final. The attendance was 70,000 greater. the temperature 20C warmer and the air a great deal unhealthier, but in one significant respect Eden Gardens bore a distinct resemblance to those September mornings at Lord's as lavish seam and swing made batting an unenviable business.

Win the toss at St John's Wood, insert the opposition and invariably victory follows. Here, Wasim Akram took the misguided decision to bat after calling correctly. Within the first hour Pakistan had slipped to 26 for six, and despite a recovery led by Moin Khan, who made 70, the total of 185 fell way below the captain's expectations.

India began the Asian Test Championship just as emphatically as they had ended the recent two-match Test series against their neighbours. This time, though, Anil Kumble, the new national hero after taking ten wickets in the second innings at Delhi, played the equivalent of third footman.

The most significant damage was inflicted by Javagal squared by a ball slanted in and tickled a regulation catch to Mongia, the wicketkeeper. to herald a collapse of six

wickets for 11 runs.

In successive overs, Prasad and through a smog-induced beat a flimsy stroke by Saeed haze at the 9.30am start, both Srinath and Prasad mainand Ijaz was leg-before as he played Srinath from the crease. Wajahatullah, making tained a full length in the corridor around off stump, his debut, lasted just nine balls sowing uncertainty in the and then Srinath accounted minds of bassmen by moving the ball both ways.
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FALL OF WICKETS 1-15, 2-17, 3-19, 4-23 5-26, 6-26, 7-110, B-173, 9-177

team must by now have died

FALL OF WICKET 1-26

S R Tendukar, "M Azheruddin, S C Gengu-ly, † N R Monge, Harbhajan Singh, R Drav-id. J Srineth and B K V Prasad io bat BOWLING Wasim Altram 5-1-9-0. Shoalb Altrax 5-1-17-1

The situation called for wise neads and sound technique. Salim Malik and Moin responded by grafting for 47 overs for 84 runs. It was a fascinating period of play. Salim scored 19 in his first three hours at the crease but broadened his range before

tea, only to nick the second

ball from Srinath after the re-

sumption. Moin had driven

Kumble for six and added five fours in a half-century compiled in 216 minutes. With Wasim immediately seeking to attack, the eighthwicket pair prospered. However, Sachin Tendulkar is becoming an uncanny partnershipbreaker. Moin cut him straight to slip, and when Wasim drove high to long-off the innings was all but over. Under the scoring system for this triangular competition, India have four bonus points

to Pakistan's one. It will not have given Wasim any consolation to hear afterwards that Mohammad Azharuddin, the India captain, would have bowled had he won the toss.

Despite the loss of Laxman, bowled by Shoaib Akhtar, Azharuddin has set his side a target of 400. There is a certain amount of responsibility on the shoulders of young Shoaib, an enthusiastic replacement for Wagar Younis. His pace can be immense, but craft is likely to count for as much this morning.

Solanki guides **England A** to narrow victory

FROM THRASY PETROPOULOS

BULAWAYO (Zimbabwe A won toss): England A beat Zimbabwe A by one wicket

VIKRAM SOLANKI engineered a remarkable victory for England A in the first limited-overs match against Zimbabwe A. Chasing a target of 263. England appeared to have batted themselves out of contention, requiring 85 from the last ten overs with four wickets in hand, but Solanki struck an elegant 70 from 72 balls and the tail scrambled over the finishing line with three balls and one wicket to spare.

Controversy had appeared to give way to disappointment when Paul Franks, who, with Solanki, had led the initial fightback with a partnership of 66 in nine overs, was wrongly adjudged to have been run out, having charged at a no-ball from Guy Whittall, Though well out of his

ground. Franks was making no attempt at a run when the wicketkeeper. Trevor Madondo, threw down the stumps and should, therefore, not have been dismissed.

With 41 runs still required from 4.5 overs it was a decision that, when Darren Thomas was bowled by Whittall two balls later, appeared to have cost England any chance of victory. Solanki took his cue, however, to strike the fifth and sixth balls of the over straight for six and four.

An attempt to repeat the stroke in the next over saw Solanki caught off Dirk Viljoe's left-arm spin at long-off. leaving England's last pair. Chris Read and Dean Cosker. needing 25 runs from 19 balls. Read and Cosker both scored boundaries in Viljoen's next over, which meant that England A needed just four runs from the final over, bowled by Whittall.

Solanki, 22, has scarcely wasted an opportunity on this tour, but until his innings England looked to be heading for their first defeat, with only Andrew Flintoff having any cause for celebration.

Flintoff was by some dis-tance England's best bowler. taking three wickets for 30 runs. Stuart Carlisle scored 80 from 67 balls for Zimbabwe A. including 18 in one over from Darren Maddy.

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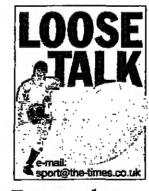
World Cup final could move to Twickenham

ould Twickenham host the World Cup final? Every Cardiff's new Millennium Stadium is not ready. according to Leo Williams. the Rugby World Cup (RWC) chairman. The genial Australian is on a fact-finding visit to Wales this week for an update on the stadium, which is behind schedule but which the Welsh Rugby Union insists will be open on time for the international against South Africa on June 26. Williams said the Twickenham contingency plan would mean switching the semi-finals to Murrayfield and Lansdowne Road, but that would not prove a problem. Wembley is another option, but Williams believes a rugby venue is necessary for the occasion. The odds are that the

Cardiff stadium, which needs to host three live events to gain a safety certificate, will be ready, even if it means postponing the Springboks game and including the opening match of the World Cup as part of the certification process. The final decision will be made before the team managers' meeting on May 14.

To dye for A flustered Lloyds TSB official rang Keith Wood last Monday believing that the Ireland hooker was going to appear on the Nine O'Clock News to talk about the dye controversy at Lansdowne

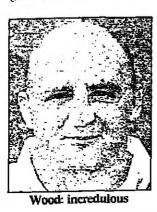
Road. Wood was told that he need not worry, that there were no health hazards because the "dye was edible". An incredulous Wood said later: "Did they seriously think the Irish and French front rows spent the afternoon eating the bottom of the grass? I am not a cow that chews the cud."



Famous draw The fact that Scotland have not beaten England at Twickenham since 1983 rekindles memories of a previous Scottish losing streak that ended in 1965 after 27 years. That was the game of Andy Hancock's immortal last-minute try that forced Scotland to settle for a draw. They were seconds away from a 3-0 win when the Northampton wing raced 90 yards, narrowly evading a

Scotland centre. Hancock, now 60 and a town planning consultant in Lincolnshire, said this week: "Had I known that Laughland was as desperate as I was I would have tried to run round under the posts." Instead, Don Rutherford's conversion attempt went wide and the game ended 3-3.

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Cross dressing The match programme of

Buccaneers, the AIB League first division newcomers, sports a cover photograph of Brian Rigney, the club captain. Inside can be found a picture of another Ireland international - Roy Keane, in a Buccs jersey. Eammon Fagan, of Dubarry, the club's main sponsor, bumped into Keane last summer and the Manchester United star gladly posed for the photo - free of charge.

Heariot's? We've had Rear of the Year competitions. Now Scottish Rugby is introducing Ear of the Year. The magazine is looking for those cracking cauliflowers that so distinguish rugby's forward brethren. Front-runner is Jock Bryce. of Heriot's, although

Martin Johnson is also a

☐ And finally . . . Scotland

live contender.

have been accused of picking players under a flag of convenience, but the same charge could have been levelled at England 50 years ago in the Calcutta Cup match. Terry O'Connor, the doyen of rugly writers, has pointed out that in the England side that day were Barry Holmes, a full back born in Argentina. Clive van Ryneveld, from South Africa and Oxford University, Robert Kennedy, a Rhodesian ving, and Basil Travers, a Harlequin from Australia. Scotland were captained by Doug Keller, another Aussie, who had toured with the 1947–18 Wallabies and stayed on. England won 19-3, with Van

Ryneveld scoring two tries. MARK SOUSTER

Hamed gets new TV deal

NASEEM HAMED has signed a new multimilliondollar deal with Home Box Office (HBO) for six contests. The American cable television company would not reveal figures. but said that the money was considerably more than the \$12 million his last contract was worth. The sum is believed to include fees for worldwide rights, which will be ne-

gotiated for Harned by HBO. As Harned has completed only two of the six contests in the last deal, the new agreement starts afresh from the bout against Paul Ingle, of Scarborough, in Manchester on April 10. All but one of the remaining five bouts will be staged in the United States. The World Boxing Organisa-tion (WBO) featherweight

SWIMMING Hickman unhappy

THE resignation in the voices of the respective coaches of James Hickman and Claudia Poll, the world champions. here at the eighth round of the World Cup yesterday had everything to do with the inevi-tability of victory for one and defeat for the other.

den, in the spring of 1997, and faced none of his key rivals

By SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT

champion's first real test is expected to come in the third contest, a pay-per-view match. which will be in one of the leading boxing centres in the US and will feature Marco Antonio Barerra, Arturo Gatti or Erik Morales.

A press conference called in London yesterday to announce Hamed's plans and to publi-cise his bout with Ingle was, for once, a toned-down affair. Hamed thanked his former trainer, Brendan Ingle, and Frank Warren, his former promoter, but said that it was time to move on. His new South American trainer has made him a much better box-

Malmō was always likely to be a lonely affair, given that

there are only four or five of

his class in the world at the mo-

ment and none are here. It's a

The deep sigh from Francis-

Two of them disappeared

shame. James likes to race".

"I've been in the same gym 17 years, doing the same stuff for 17 years," he said. "I haven't been learning. You are going to see a more compact, a more skilful and stronger

Paul Ingle was unimpressed by the talk of Hamed's wealth and put a stop to the preoccupation with ostentation when he said: "He can have his Lamborghinis and Ferraris. I've got a ferret and two whippets."

Wayne McCullough, of Ulster, will challenge Morales for his World Boxing Council super-bantamweight title on May 8. The Las Vegas contest with the Mexican will be Mc-Cullough's second consecutive attempt on the world title after losing his WBO featherweight



Hamed will be richer still after signing a new contract

to be out on his own

FROM CRAIG LORD IN MALMO Hickman's presence in

co Rivas, coach to Poli, had Hickman's emphatic win in quite a different tone to it. The freestyle world champion was the 200 metres butterfly, in defeated for a third time over Imin 55.07sec, more than four seconds clear of those who wal-800 metres by Chen Hua, 16, lowed in his wake, demanded who, until late last year, was no great forecasting skills on unheard of outside China. the part of Terry Denison, his coach in Leeds. The swimmer, Yesterday, Chen recorded a time of 8min 27.16sec to defeat Poll, who could manage only 23, from Stockport, has not been beaten over the distance \$:30.86. in a short-course pool since be-coming world champion of the 25-metre pool, also here in Swe-"Chen Hua is the fourth Chinese to have come from nowhere, beat Claudia, then disappear," Rivas claimed.

Denison acknowledged that

SPORT IN BRIEF ROWING: The Boat Race

on Easter Saturday will be preceded by a new curtain-raiser on Good Friday. It was announced yesterday that the Thames World Sculling Challenge. usually staged in the autumn. will be held on the Friday afternoon on the flood tide and that II of the world's best scullers, five women and six men, intend to compete over the Boat Race course between Putney and Mortlake.

HOCKEY: Simon Triggs. the Canterbury goalkeeper, is one of three new players called up by Barry Dancer, the England coach, for the tour of Argentina next month. The others are Tom Bertram, of Bournville, and George Cover. who plays for Havant in the first division of the National League.

TENNIS: Goran Ivanisevic, the No 8 seed, from Croatia. was beaten 6-7, 7-6, 7-5 in the first round of the Rotterdam indoor tournament by Bohdan Ulirach, of the Czech

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Rescued French yachtswoman misses out on another prize

Autissier sails close to the wind

Edward Gorman on a racing career dogged by ill-luck and controversy

ISABELLE AUTISSIER, who was yesterday rescued in the Southern Ocean by Giovanni Soldini, her fellow Around Alone Race competitor, after her yacht capsized, is regarded as one of the best single-handed ocean-racing skippers in the world, despite the fact that most of the great prizes have

cluded her. Although a household name in France for ten years as her country's leading woman sailor, she has remained a private and modest person who has maintained a relatively his media profile. Yet among the racing elite on the Britany coast where she was brought up. Autissier. 42. is revered as a talented and dedicated racer and a supreme mariner. Her cureer, however, has been dominated by failures.

The victories which on many occasions have appeared well within her grasp have all too often been

snatched away as a result of little more than bad luck. She She is completed her first single-handed revered round-the-world race, the BOC Challenge. in 1990-91, despite a dismasthalfway

supreme through. mariner? Four years later, in the next BOC. she ran away with the first leg, heating her near-

est rival into Cape Town by five days. Then, on the second leg through the Southern Ocean to Sydney, her boat was rolled and dismasted and eventually sank, prompting an expensive rescue by the Australian Navy. In the Vendee Globe race two years ago, she was forced to retire when disputing the lead after her present yacht. PRB, hit an object and lost one of its rudders 600 miles southwest of Cape

Now, on what is almost certainly her last attempt at achieving round-the-world glory, her campaign has again ended in failure as she raced towards Cape Horn, having set off on the stage from Auckland to Punte del Este as overall race leader. There have been high points, such as her topthree linish in the Mini-

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Transat single-handed transatlantic race, and the record time that she and a crew of three set from New York to San Francisco in 1994.

There have been controversies, too, such as the 1994 rescue and the row between Autissier and the Vendée Globe race director. Philippe Jeantot. over his allegation that she did not do all in her power to continue the search for Jerry Roufs, the missing skipper.

Autissier, who is single and lives in La Rochelle, was taught to sail when she was six hy her grandfather. At 12 she was already dreaming about sailing alone around the world, but it was not until 1987 that she took up single-handed racing, believing that it would lead to "self-improvement".

Autissier has always seemed cheerfully impervious to the threat of the sea. despite having been through some terrible ordeals. Before starting

the present race in Charleston in October. Autissier said: "I don't know why I have chosen this solo sailing job. Well, it's because I love the racing. love sailing and sailing alone you are responsible for yourself. You have to push yourself -

you have to be thoughtful." Asked about being female in a predominantly male sport, she added: "I am happy to be a woman. but I disconnect those two things - sailing and being a woman."

In recent months, Autissier has said that the Around Alone Race would be her last solo round-the-world attempt. Her next project may be the Volvo Ocean Race, the successor to the Whitbread, for fully crewed monohulls. During the last Whithread race, she sailed on the all-women boat. EF Education. on the leg from Annapolis to La Rochelle. It was no coincidence that the women produced their best fin-

LINKS



Autissier and her rescuer, Soldini, in Auckland before the third leg of the Around Alone

Time to steady the boat

THE capsize of PRB, Isabelle Autissier's Open 60, in the Southern Ocean about 1900 miles west of Cape Horn means that roughly one in four of the skippers who have set out in the past two singlehanded round-the-world races have turned over. At least five boats have now capsized in the Southern Ocean in these two events. Though in two cases the boats involved were not the most modern 60-footers. these statistics are likely to lead to further calls for increased regulation of open-

class boats in such races. While Autissier was rescued by a fellow competitor, Giovanni Soldini, the situation can have much broader implications when national emergency and naval services are called upon to execute a rescue. In the past couple of vears, race authorities and skippers themselves have

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worked to improve the safety of Open 60s. and particularly to prevent them from staying upside down after a capsize. However, it appears that despite the swing keel on PRB. Autissier's boat may have failed to right itself.

Critics argue that a rethink on the basic parameters of the

Rescue drama

boats to make them more seaworthy in the extreme conditions of the Southern Ocean is long overdue. The problem is that the governing body of the sport - the International Sailing Federation -- does not recognise Open 60 round-theworld racing, so design restrictions are left to those organising races and the skippers.

From a purely sporting per-spective, a small shift in favour of safety at the expense of speed would make no difference to the competitive challenge, yet the risk of capsize or death might be significantly reduced.

This dilemma concerns Ellen MacArthur and Mark Turner, her project manager, as they review designs for her Open 60 for the next Vendée Globe race. Turner agreed yesterday that further thinking on seaworthiness could be needed but he said that, in the absence of restrictions for the Vendec, there is little choice but to go for the ex-treme end of the design spectrum if your aim is to win.

Autissier's exit leaves only two of the six Class I yachts which left Charleston in October still in the Around Alone, with Soldini trying to catch Mare Thiercelin, of France.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 38

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DIMARIS (a) The mnemonic term designating the third mood of the fourth figure of syllogisms. EXSPUTTION (c) The action of spitting out

from the mouth. From the Latin, by way of the French. DELIBATE (b) To take a little of, taste, sip. Also used figuratively. From

tie of, taste. **SOLUTION TO** WINNING MOVE

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Meet the kitchen gods

Sophie Grigson's Herbs BBC2, 7.30pm

The hair has been dyed red but the earnings are as big as ever and the simmick-free enthusiasm for matters culinary remains unquenched. If any-thing, Sophie Grigson's patter has become a little more florid since she was last on the box, describing herbs, the subject of her new series, as "inescap-ably sensuous and alluring" and "invigorating almost any dish with their unabashed vitality". And so to business, starting with basil, coriander and other "linle kitchen gods" which come under the heading of warm and spicy. Among Grigson's recipes is one from Vietnam and another from Mexico, evidence of how far British tastes have moved from the old meat and two veg. There is a guest chef each week, starting with the ubiquitous and inevitable Antony Worral Thompson.

Looking Good BBC2. 8.30pm

Real fashion for real women is the continued boast Real fashion for real women is the continued boast of this show, hosted by Lowri Turner and tonight it is starting its third series. But if real fashion implies defying the diktats of the catwalks, and real women means those who are not necessarily young and attractive with perfect figures, then you begin to wonder. The main item is about colour. Those who decree such things say that black is out this season and bright shades are in. The programme unquestioningly accepts this and persuades a woman who lives in black to think again. And she just happens to be thirtyish, pretty and enviably slim. More relevant to the brief is a look at the cheap and not always nasty cosmetics sold by supermarkets. sold by supermarkets.

Blood on the Carpet BBC2, 9_30pm

The last in this compulsively watchable series about business bardes charts the rift within the Countryside Alliance after it had persuaded a quarter of a million people to demonstrate for the rural way of life and fox-hunting in particular. But even in this moment of triumph two factions were threatening to tear the alliance apart. The tradition-



Taking a Walk On the Wild Side. David Bowie as Ziggy Stardust (ITV, 10.40pm)

alists were led by Lord Kimball of Eron and Camalists were led by Lord Kimball of Eton and Cambridge, a former Conservative MP and a master of the hounds. Against him was ranged Eric Bertelheim, a city lawyer determined to carry on the fight with modern business methods. He recruited Edward Duke, a self-made Yorkshire entrepreneur, as chief executive of the alliance. But Duke soon fell out with Janet George, his formidable press officer.

Walk on the Wildside IIV. 10.40pm

It began with Elvis putting on eyeliner and mascara and reached its apogee last year when the transsexual Israeli Dana International won the transsexual Israeli Dana International won the Eurovision Song Comest. That is the story presented here of how androgyny, cross-dressing and other manifestations of sexual ambiguity permeated mainstream popular music. David Bowie, with his bisexual Ziggy Stardust became a seminal figure. But the Kinks also contributed with a hit single, Lola, about a transvestite, as did Lou Reed on the track featuring New York drag queens which gives this programme its title. And so on by way of glam-rock. The Rocky Horror Picture Show, and Boy George. Meanwhile Annie Lennox, with her cropped hair and men's clothes, demonstrated that women, too, could cross the gender lines.

Radio 4 may be the supreme example of speech radio but that does not mean it does enough in the

way of talks. Plenty of talking, true, but not enough talks. Readers often write to say that there were more talks on the radio 30 or 40 years ago but I

suspect that every generation thinks something of the kind. I welcome this chance to highlight a

proper series of talks over the next seven weeks in which writers use the Easter story as a basis for

in Britain when he speaks today about how his Christian faith has ebbed away without affecting his underlying affection for the Church of

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their reflections on religious matters. The author A.N. Wilson will strike a chord with lots of people

Lent Talks: The Dove Descending

Radio 4, 8.45pm

RADIO CHOICE

Afternoon Play: Women on Love Radio 4, 2.15pm

Radio 4, 2.15pm

The Afternoon Play slot has taken to theming in the past few months and the device has worked out well, though the increase in the number of listeners at this time probably owes more to The Archers being moved to 2pm. This four-part series of plays, all written by women, all inspired by a favourtie love poem also written by a woman, starts today with Warming Her Pearls by Sarah Daniels, which is taken from the poem by Carol Ann Duffy. Rosemary Leach has produced some marvellous performances on radio and she is once again superb as Annie, a woman who decides to take action after realising that suppressing an affair she had many years ago has had a terrible effect on her daughter and grand-daughter.

RADIO 1 (BBC)

6.30am Zoe Ball 9.00 Mark Goodler 12.00pm Kevin Greening 2.00 Mark Raddilfe 4.00 Chris Moyles 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 8.00 Steve Lamacy: The Evening Sessio 10.00 Move Update with Mark Kermode 10.10 Peel Sessions Live. Live from the Ousen Elizabeth Hall on London's South Bank 12.00am Blue Jam 1.00 Gilfes Peterson 4.00 Scott Mills

RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00pm Richard Littlejohn 2.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Nick: Baraclough 8.00 Nike Herding 9.00 The Andy Peebles

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 Richard Hickox and Vassily Smarshy
 Hondard Evensoring for Ash Wednesday Live from the Chapel of St. John's College, Cambridge Director of music Christopher Robinson. Organ attribute Roban Houseach. student Robert Houssart

Cheshire. The first part of the concert is given by the Williams Fairey Band, musical director James Gowlay. McCabe (Salamander); Holst (A Moorside Susie); Wilby (Revelabor); Symphony for Double Brass). Fodens (Courtos) Band, under Nicholas Childs, Ireland (Comedy Overture); Wilby (Lowey Sketchbook); McCabe (Cloudcatcher Fells)

9.15 Postscript: Aria (3/5)

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5.47 Farming Today Rural issues, with Rachel Morga 6.00 Today with John Humphys and Sue MacGregor 8.35 (LW) Yesterday in Parliament Political news 9.00 Midweek Liver, conversation with the Times columnst Libby Purves and guests 9.45 (LW) Daily Service : 9.45 (FM) Serial: Planet of the Blind Stephen

10.00 Woman's Hour with Jerm Murray and guests 11.00 Murder, Magic and Medicine Dr Michael C Connett essesses the role of herbal remedies in

the 21st century Last in series (6/6)

11.30 Tomorrow at the Same Time (4/6) (r)

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1.00 The World at One with Nach Clarke
1.30 Board Game Peter Day Stephen Bayley Lord
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4.00 All in the Mind Professor Anthony Clare explores

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4.30 Thinking Allowed Laune Taylor and guests think the unthrikable about society

5.00 PM with Clare English and Chins Lowe

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Ballylenon Christopher Frz-Simon's comedy drams. The sale of an ancestral home causes intense speculation. Starming T.P. McKenna. Margaret D'Arcy and Stella McCusker (r).

7.00 The Archers.

7.15 Front Row The rightly arts programme.

7.45 The Cry of the Bittern Part lines Broadcast earlier as part of Women's Hour (r).

8.00 The Moral Maze Michael Buerk presents topical debate, with David Starkey, Janet Dakey, Ian Hargreaves and David Cook.

8.45 Lent Talks New series. Writers with contrasting religious beliefs discuss the Easter story, beginning with A.N. Wilson See Choice (177) sensiting perellis of increased noise.

9.00 Frontiers Peter Evans errols the kitle-known benefits of increased noise.

9.30 Midweek Broadcast earlier (r).

10.00 The World Tonight Presented by Justin Webb. Malahide reads part three of Patrick O'Brien's hisson's seafaring novel.

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11.00 Late Night on 4: Truty, Madily, Bletchiey Julian Dutton's comedy based in the town of Bletchiey. With Lz Fraser, Peler Hugo-Daly and special quest Cleo Rocus (2/6)

11.15 MacFlintock's Palace Comedy set in a Victorian music hail, written and performed by Mark McDornell and Steven McNicolt (2/6)

11.30 (FM) Mammon A satincal spin on the world of money and the media by Nick Hildred, Hugh Rycroft and Danid Spicer (1/6) (f)

11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament Political Update (1/4) (W) Parliamentary Postcards

12.00am News 12.30 The Late Book: All Points North Part three Simon Armitage's wry observations of life in his home village of Marsden, West Yorkshire (r)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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12.00pm Composer of the Week: Dvorak

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10.45 Night Wavee Patrick Wright investigates the life and work of the poet turned partter Hern Michaux
11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shipton presents the linal part of a concert by the Diana Krali Trio
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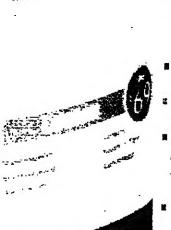
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Getting one's teeth into the market for art

ne of the more starting Of course, a lot of contemporary art is still junk. And there is still world is that people don't fierce debate about whether, say automatically regard modern art as a joke, or as an elaborate Jeff Koons, is an artistic genius or a charlatan. But just look at the con-trick perpetrated by crowds that swarm through the pranksters who are the artistic annual contemporary art fair in equivalent of Candid Canera, Islington Look at how auction houses now hold sales of contempopeople making paintings pirely for the purpose of gauging the publics gullibility; or as the prod-uct of deluded youths who bilieve rary art - the sort of stuff which, ten years ago, was largely worth-less and which had no secondary themselves to be artists, but have market the minute it left the gallery. There's now not only a renewed interest in modern an, the artistic talent of a radish It's not that we don't reserve the

but a new passion for owning it. Beginning a new BBC2 series of Close Up. Chris Granlund's film. Collectors tried to unravel what made people eager to write the cheques. Buying contemporary art is still a brave thing to do. Your friends will probably laugh at you, especially if you admit how much you paid for it: as an investment. buying paintings that have been in and out of salerooms for centuries

resale value of contemporary art still sinks as soon as it has left the

The state of the s

Putting a value on contemporary art is a headache in the first place. Anyone who thinks price doesn't (or shouldn't) play a part in decisions of artistic merit need only look at the case of John Myatt, the master forger, whose skill tricked leading galleries and collectors into embracing his copies of Ben Nicholsons and Giacomettis as the real things: why don't those galleries and collectors love the paintings just as much as they used to? They just don't.

ranhind found that, as far as collecting goes, sense doesn't come into it. It's all passion. You've either been stricken by the fever or you haven't. Vanessa Branson compares her quest for buying art to a form of modern-day hunting: "You



Joe

Joseph



find your beast and you isolate it, you hunt, and then you bag your catch. It's very, very satisfactory." Branson is an indefatigable enthusiast. She used to run her own gallery just around the corner from where I live and each time you passed she would try to get you to share her excitement about paintings in her latest exhibition. Of course she wanted to sell them,

but I don't think she really needed

that buying, and commissioning, art had even helped her through her recent divorce. She, like many other collectors, gets a big thrill from knowing that the artist is still alive, still painting. And there is always that casino quality to it will these turn out to be the Pollocks and Rothkos of the future, or will

a boot sale in 50 years' time?

Perhaps the shrewdest of the collectors we met was Adrian Mullish, a dentist who for many years fixed Damien Hirst's teeth free in exchange for artworks, an arrangement I'm sure he has made clear to the taxman. He owns a spot painting and has one of Hirst's medicine cabinets hanging in his surgery (his wife won't let it in the house), which, frankly, blends just a little too well into the surgery's surroundings really to stand out as a work of art. Maybe it isn't anyway. Hirst, who has

benefited more than most from the money being thrown at the Young British Artists, is naturally dismissive of the vulgarians who think of art as commodities with price tags. And he calls auction houses Oxfam shops trading in second-hand art; that is, art which is no longer exciting and vibrant, but just objects to be bought and sold.

arvis Cocker, a former student at St Martins College of Art, also champions a noncommercial view of art. In Journeys into the Outside with Jarvis Cocker, Channel 4 gave the Pulp singer licence to visit various sites in France that are considered art by the people who produced them, but not by the artistic establishment. To prove to us that there is "much more to art than the stuff that hangs on gallery walls", Cocker showed us weird houses and edifices lovingly created by men

who were either unsung heroes or slightly deranged.

Take Bodhan Litnianski, a

Ukrainian who moved to France in the 1930s and has surrounded his house with a forest of tall cement totem poles, each of which is covered with objects he has collected from the local dump. The arrangement? This comes to him in his dreams. I'd love to see how the estate agent markets this property when the time comes to

put it on the market.
You could call Litnianski's vision slightly unsavoury, but was it as unsavoury as Channel 4's The Coroner, a new four-part docusoap on the Birmingham City Coroner's Office? Staff at the coroner's office all seem very compassionate and efficient. Taylor's film did a snappy job of making a gruesome subject inter-esting. But it still felt as if we were intruding on the grief of strangers.

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfat (91833) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (11524) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (8850949)

right to pass judgment on the mental stability of artists in the

Turner Prize shortlist, or whose

work appears in show like

Sensation at the Royal Addemy,

but that we at least bother to go

along and form an opinion Today,

if you see a painting you fel your five-year-old son could have done.

you don't just stand andsnigger:

you get him representation in Cork Street or Clerkenwell.

9.45 The Venessa Show(T) (4259524) 10.55 News; Weather (T) (321388) 11.00 Change That (633165) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (6301524) 11.55 News; Weather (T) 1581611) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (327) 12.30 Wipeout (8962253) 12.55 The Weather Shov (T (48057475) 1.00 One O'Clock New (T (14611)

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mart (2/3) (T) (895104) 11.45 Roble Williams: For One Night Only Exceive concert in front of an invited auence (r) (T) (796494).

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10.00 Teletuboles (91272) 10.30
Numbertime (2782727) 10.45 Cats Eyes (2770982) 11.00 Around Scotland (1264433). 11.20 The Geography Programme (8071659) 11.40 Science in

Action (8472543) 12.00pm Revista (9451920) 12.15 Halio aus Berlin (7999185) 12-30 Working Lunch (31727) 1.00 Brum (94030765) 1.10 The Travel Hour (r) (9794727) 2.10 Sporting Greats (61840036)

2.40 News; Weather (T) (3102814) 2.45 Match of Their Day (7/18) (T) (2659456) 3.25 News; Weather (1) (7492054) 3.30 Awash with Colour (524) ... 4.00 Kaye Advice show (6060949) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (1) (6063036) 4.55 Eather (1) (1) (3307017)

5.30 Today's the Day (T) (123) 6.00 Star Treic The Next Generation
Wesley's Starfleet Academy squadron
suffers a deadly collision (f) (1) (481562) 6.40 Buffy the Vampire Slayer (T) (247340) 7.25 Five Go Mad in the Kitchen Recipes for Comic Relief (r) (T) (602524)

Sophie Grigson's Herbs New series. The cookery writer celebrates herbs (T) (272) 8.00 Jerwood Fashion Prize Cameras follow young hopefuls in the world of fashion as they compete for the prize (T) (4543)



Lower Turner returns with the fashion

Looking Good New series of the fashion programme with Lowin Turner (T) (3678)

look behind the scenes of Madame Tussaud's (I) (761727) ... 9.50 Blood on the Carpet The feud between two factions of the Countryside Allance (T) (531849)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (655388) 11.15 The Outer Limits A man makes shocking discovery (T) (430291) 12.00am The Phil Silvers Show (r) (6875079) 12.25 Weather (5435673)

12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University: Food 1.00 Healing the Whole 1.30 A Time to be Born 2.00 Schools: Special Needs 4.00 Languages: Suenos World Spanish, 13-16 5.00 Business and Training: Voluntary Matters 5.30 20 Steps to Better Management: Helping Others to About Behaviour 6.10 A Conflict of Interests 6.35 Hearing the Call

5,30am ITN Morning News (37123) 6.00 GMTV (5767730) 9.25 Trisha (I) (5210475) 10.30 This Morning (1) (11317982) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (7986811) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (T) (28263) 1.00 WEST: Next Stop Richard Wyatt, Poly

Lloyd and correspondents Bridgewater to review developments (49307) 1.00 WALES: Shortland Street Rebecca faces rejection (49307)

1.30 Home and Away Joel fights to save his family (T) (27524) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous US talk show (T) (5638814)

2.45 Dale's Supermarket Sweep (T) (324920) 3.15 ITN News Headlines (T) (2052956) 3.20 HTV News (1) (5202479)

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5.40 ITN Early Evening News; Weather (1)

5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (785901) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (848497) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight; Weather (T) (756388)

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8.00 The Brit Awards 1999 Johnny Vaughan hosts the pop industry's annual bash from London Arena, with performances by Cher, Boyzone, The Corrs, Manic Street Preachers and Robbie Williams plus a celebration of Abba's 25th

enniversary (1) (7746) 10.00 News at Ten; Weather (T) (80758) 10.30 HTV News and Weather (1) (947901)

10.40 Walk on the Wildside A nostalgic look at the history of glam rock (T) (763746) 11.40 Renegade Reno runs into trouble with a voodoo curse in New Orleans (809307)

12.40am Descending Angel (1990) A men formarly suspected of being a Nazi war criminal finds his past again coming under scrutiny. Starring George C. Scott. Directed by Jeremy Kagan (167215) 2.25 Masterclass With photographer James Martin (5/9) (7665963)

2.55 Judge Judy (T) (1212895) 3.25 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (T) (9115031) 4.25 The Making of Elizabeth Behind-the scenes report (39305876)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (46012)

4.50 ITV Nightscreen Behind the scenes of

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1.00 Pet Rescue Highlights from the first series (T) (47949) 1.30 The Three Stooges (13404901) 1.50 The Lamp Still Burns (1943) Adventure

about wartime probationary nurses in a British hospital, based on a novel by Monica Dickens. Stewart Granger stars. Directed by Maurice Elvey (T) (46353272) 3.30 Collectors' Lot Kitcherware (T) (920) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (I) (727)

4.30 Countdown (1) (5738982) 4.55 Ricki Lake With special guests the Spice Girls (1) (3392185)

5.30 Pet Rescue Staff struggle to contain a highly infectious disease sweeping through the cattery (1) (291) 6.00 Late Lunch with Mei and Sue (34814) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (147901)

7.55 Zoom Photocopying the human body (1) (494730) 8.00 Brookside Nikki becomes increasingly

confused (T) (9611) 8.30 The Real Holiday Show A woman describes her first foreign holiday alone on the ski slopes of Austria and two ands getting over broken rel go snowboarding — but will romance blossom? (T) (8746)



Dr Ross (George Clooney) finally gets his dream Job (9pm)

9.00 ER Ross adjusts to his new role as the paediatric attending doctor, while Greene can do no wrong in Rachel's eyes. Starring George Clooney (T) (4036) 10.00 Sex and the City Charlotte's boyltiend makes an unusual request (T) (92340)

10.30 Eurotrash Continental capers Antoine de Caunes (r) (T) (18368) 11.00 Mark Thomas Comedy Product Satirical cornedy (5017)

11.30 So Graham Norton (r) (883320) 12.10am boardstupid goes skiling Snow-boarding news (r) (2200505) 12.45 Football Italia: Mezzanotte Round-up

of the week's action (13789673) 3.10 Trans World Sport (6848673) 4.05 It's Never Too Late (1956) A bored woman decides to spice up her life by becoming a scriptwriter. Cornedy, with Phyllis Calvert. Directed by Michael McCarthy (421673)

CHANNEL 5

6.00am 5 News and Sport With Becky 7.00 WideWorld Part four. The role of chemistry in the survival of mankind (r) (T)

(6709123)7.30 Milkshake! (2807887) 7.35 Wimzie's House (r); 5 News Update

8.00 Havakazoo (r) (4737123) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (r); 5 News Update (4736494)

9.00 Hot Property (r) (T) (1429630) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (7154901) 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (r) (6807185)

10.20 Sunset Beach A body is found (T) (1814678) 11.10 Leeza (4216901) 12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (4707982) 12.30 Family Affairs Cat ponders Dave's sudden lack of interest (r) (T); 5 News Update (9759456)

1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful A misunderstanding arises (T) (6708494) 1.30 The Roseanne Show (9758727) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (5904456)

2.30 Good Afternoon Daily entertainment; 5 News Update (1557036) 3.30 The Great Pretender (TVM 1991) A newspaper columnist assigned a routine obituary inquiry uncovers evidence against a local gangster. Thriller, starting Bruce Greenwood and Jessica Steen.

Directed by Gus Trikonis (9541098) 5.20 Sunset Beach Shown earlier (r) (T); 5 News Update (5493479)

6.00 100 Per Cent Computer-generated quiz

6.30 Family Affairs Claire makes a bid for freedom (T) (6145253) 7.00 5 News; Weather (T) (5908272) 7.30 Champions of Nature Efforts to protect the gorillas inhabiting Riwanda's Volcanoes National Park (T): 5 News Update (6174765)

8.00 into the Flames Footage and eyeo into the Hames Hoolage and eye-witness accounts of real air disasters, visiting leading training centres where planes are used for crash tests, and exploring new safety measures including satellite technology, thermal cameras and hydraulic tirelighting lances. Last in senes (3/3) (T) (1096494)

9.00 Original Sin (TVM 1989) A couple's four-year-old son is kidnapped, leading to the revelation of a guilty secret that Thriller, starring Chariton Heston, Ann. Jillian and Robert Desiderto. Directed by

Ron Satiof (T) (99452543) 10.55 Melinda's Big Night in With guests Richard O'Brien and Anna Ryder Richardson (8092678)

11.35 UK Raw Trevor Ward and Tanya Broome present a new series of bizarre and Mario Franchi and a man with a penchant for skin-piercing (6900765)

12.05am NHL: American Ice Hockey Coverage of the Phoenix Coyotes at Anaheim Mighty Ducks from the American NHL (82038741)

4.35 The Movie Chart Show News and reviews (r) (99622418) 5.05 Move On Up (r) (46605437) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (9799012)

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6.00pm Lost World (1969) (88847920); 7.40 Half of Fame. Charle Chaple (1798098) 8.00 Wolf (1994) (31485475); 10.05 Biow-Up (1996) (4088524) 12.00pm Visions of Light (8239769) 1.30 RM Raff (1990) (1563654) 3.10 Mac (1892) (95243924) 8.00 Close SKY PREMIER SKY PREMIER

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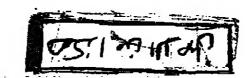
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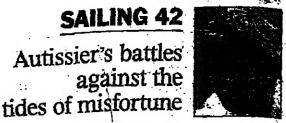




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New England manager to keep his connections with Fulham

Keegan performs double act

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

KEVIN KEEGAN is set to be named as the new England manager today at a press conference in Sheffield after it appeared that the Football Association had bowed to his demands and agreed to allow him to retain his links with Fulham for 18 months and dictate the terms of his working relationship with Howard Wilkinson, the FA's technical director.

It was thought at first that the English game's governing body would balk at Keegan's determination to combine the uphill struggle of trying to guide England to the 2000 European championship with the task of attaining his dream of guiding Fulham to the FA Carling Premiership next season. When the influential members of the FA's international com-

United showdown Liverpool appeal

mittee met at a London hotel yesterday, though, it took them only two hours to agree to most of his terms and decide that he should be the successor to Glenn Hoddle. "Progress is being made, was all they would say officially, but it was like the first wisp of white Sources at the FA said that

they were confident a satisfactory modus operandi could be urranged so that England got more than enough of Keegan's energy and dynamism, even though he was still involved at Craven Cottage. It is thought that he will compromise by missing some Fulham games so he can watch England players in action in the Premiership. Still, there seems little doubt that Keegan, who is likely to include Peter Beardsley, the former Newcastle United player, among his backroom staff, has got his own way. Not only will he become England's first part-time manager since the Second World War, but he will also have autonomy on the training pitch, too.

the role of Wilkinson, who would like to extend his own

Looking ahead: Keegan's immediate task will be to revive England's faltering European championship qualifying campaign. Photograph: Dan Chung

power base to include overall control of the national team and the under-21s, would be a hindrance to Keegan's willingness to take over. It seems, though, that Keegan has won assurances from Noel White, the chairman of the international committee, that Wilkinson will not be allowed to sit on the bench at England matches. He will also be told that Bisham Abbey is Keegan's domain during England training sessions and that his presence there will be

discouraged. Some. like Arsène Wenger, There were concerns that the Arsenal coach, had their doubts about the part-time element of the arrangement,

but Ruud Gullit, one of Keegan's heirs at Newcastle United was more positive. "Keegan would be an excellent choice," he said, "but the most difficult part is to be given time. It is the most difficult job there is." Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, was also confident that his former England playing colleague was the right man. "He has got charisma and a good track record," Robson said. "As a player he had lots of enthusiasm for the job and he has taken that into management."

It is a bold step by the FA, a risk but a risk worth taking. Keegan has the dynamism to give England and their supporters an immediate lift for their crucial European championship qualifying tie against Poland at Wembley on March 27, a match England must win if they are to have any realistic hope of making the finals in

Terry Venables said yesterday that Kevin Keegan would be a "very, very good appoint-ment" as England coach, but admitted he was disappointed that he had not been officially approached himself. "I think my international career was ruined by maybe one or two people at the FA," he said.

Holland and Beigium. His skills as a motivator are unparallelled. Even his great rival. Alex Ferguson, the Manches-ter United manager, admits

Ferguson speaks with amused awe of the way that Keegan's sheer energy seemed to be propelling Newcastle towards the championship several years ago and he will be. able to do the same for his country. Keegan is likely to fa-vour a 4-4-2 system and his ap-

pointment is good news for England's flair players, particularly the Real Madrid-bound Steve McManaman, of whom Keegan is a confirmed admirer. It will be a more cavalier England we see from now on. a more aggressive, adventur-

The fear, of course, is that Keegan's boldness and what some identify as a certain tactithe more clinical, ruthless European sides. There were not many goalless draws in his time in charge at St James' Park, but England supporters will be happy if they start winning games 4-3, not losing them 1-0. There are those, too, who fear that his volatility will quickly ruin his relationship with the media, that his emotional vulnerability to criticism will make him an

easy target for the kind of

gratuitous criticism that the

England job attracts. That much may be true, but if he continues his policy of openness and evenhandedness with the press, then there will be few problems of that sort. Hoddle lost the confidence of both his players and the media. because of his predilection for being economical with the truth, for encouraging his play-

ers to lie. minded people on Sunday, is "an open book". It will, undoubtedly, be a rollercoaster ride, but it is about time that someone tried to sweep supporters away with their enthu-siasm at international level before it is too late and club football takes over completely. Keegan has his flaws, but his talent and his reputation, coupled with the respect that the ample consolation. The fun is

Wilkinson and Rees return for national service

By DAVID HANDS, RUGIY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND will take their bow in the final Five Nations Championship with two changes to the side that closed out 1998 with victory over South Africa. David Rees returns on the right wing for the Calcutta Cup match with Scotland at Twickenham on Saturday and Jonathan Wilkinson, still only 19, starts his first championship match at centre and as England's first-choice goalkicker.

It is, in many ways, a second coming for Wilkinson, who was given his first taste of international rugby as a lastminute replacement against Ireland last March before participating in two matches on the ill-fated summer tour of the southern hemisphere the 76-0 defeat by Australia and the 64-22 defeat by New Zealand. Now Clive Woodward, the England coach, has decided to give him a decent chance of contributing to a winning team against a Scot-land squad likely to include Alan Tait, alongside whom Wilkinson played as Newcas-tle motored powerfully to the Allied Dunbar Premiership

It is not Wilkinson's pre ferred position — fly half is where he is likely to make a lasting name for England -but in the absence through in-jury of Will Greenwood and Phil de Glanville, it is where he is needed.

Woodward has kept faith in nearly all respects with the XV that claimed an historic 13-7 win over South Africa in December. The only unforced change brings back Rees, the Sale wing, for his severth cap ahead of Tony Underwood, of Newcastle. Rees. 24, dogged by injury in recent times, clinched his place with a good display against Richmond last

Wilkinson's recovery from the traumas of the summer by his consistent form for his

ENGLAND SQUAD

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Mke Catt against South Africa, he Bath pivot retains the No 0 jersey with the experi-encel Paul Grayson having to male do with a place amon

son with Jeremy Guscott gives England a creative midfield, but acking the obvious physical presence that has beature of modern mid-

Some good judges believe Wilkings will be too light-weight—though not necessarily in the championship - for inside centre and that, long term, h will make the fly half place its own. Woodward



Wilkins

might have therefore, to g for a genuine No 8 who can rive play close to the set-piece such as Martin Corry, of Licester, but he has preferred t

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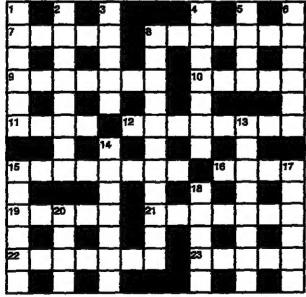
of Lawrence Billaglio, Neil Back and Richal Hill.
"Wilkinson vil also take the pressure of Matt Dawson," Woodward aid. "He is a frontline goalloker and it would have been been as to get for Matt to do what hi did against South Africa [who the scrum half kicked the withing goals]. It is looking forward, anyway, to seeing Matt playscrum half now that Kyran Bracken is back on the bench and back on

top of his form.

The only other hange is among the rep cements, where Neil McCathy, of Gloucester, displats Phil Greening.

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Dundee considers equation of two becoming one

or a city whose prime tourist attraction is the James Cook sailed to the New World. Dundee found the analogy of its football teams inescapable

The City of Discovery woke up to find that a merger be-tween Dundee and Dundee United had appeared on the horizon and, more important, that the brave new world of Scottish football was not against the idea. Roger Mitchell, the chief executive of the Scottish Premier League (SPL), said yesterday that a union of two of the country's most renowned clubs would he acceptable. What must now be determined is the depth of support within Dunder itself

A poll taken by the city's Evening Telegraph newspaper said that 59 per cent of the 2,700 people surveyed were in favour of amalgamation. However, Dundee is capable Phil Gordon on the possibility of a merger between rival Scottish clubs

of harbouring fierce tribal loyalty to match any other city. Allegiance to either Dundee or United has split families, but many others feel that Britain's closest football rivalry - their respective grounds. Dens Park (Dundee) and Tannadice (United) are just 170 yards apart is too claustrophobic. Both clubs would have

different aspirations from any merger, but the unifying attraction is greater capital and a larger potential audience in a city of 180,000 people. United are becalmed after a successful decade in the 1980s that saw them intrude on the preserve of larger clubs at home and abroad. They won the Premier League title in 1983, reached the European

Cup semi-finals the next year

and were beaten Uefa Cup

Dens Park and Tannadice are on the same street and separated by just 170 yards

Dundee, though, are sink-ing fast. Once they were the city's pre-eminent team, winning the first division title in 1962 and reaching the semi-fi-nals of the European Cup the next season, but subsequent failure saw their support dwindle. A return to the Premier League this season has failed to lure fans back, prompting Peter Marr, the Dundee chief executive and one of the owners of the club, to suggest a pos-

sible merger.
"We had hoped for 6,000 Dundee fans to turn up regularly this season, but we are only getting half of that. We cannot go on like this," he said. "Football is a business and mergers happen in business. If there is a feeling that this is the way ahead, we could well decide to ask for talks

A Dundee United spokes-man said: "We would be happy to meet Peter Marr and good co-operation between the clubs, but talk of an amalgamation at this time is pure speculation."

Marr has spent around El million keeping the club afloat since taking it over two years ago, but the prospect of completing urgent work on the ground — which could cost another E3 million — to comply with SPL demands has forced him to consider a coalition. The SPL will accommodate such a bold move, but will not countenance any It is not the first time in recent years that Scottish football has considered the idea of

such an association. When Wallace Mercer, the Heart of Midlothian chairman, tried to ioin forces with Hibernian in 1990, the supporters of the respective clubs protested and the idea was aborted. in 1994. Inverness Caley

and Inverness Thistle merged to become inverness Caledonian Thistle. Ill-feeling between fans of the rival clubs was not eased until the move to a new stadium in 1997. Now the team, backed by support of 3,000. looks certain to win promotion to the first division.

Billy Dodds, the Dundee United striker, who has also played for Dundee, is not sure that the experiment would work on Tayside. "If a merger goes ahead, I can see a lot of unhappy people in this city," he said. "No one wants to see anyone go to the wall. But there is a lot of tradition which will stand in the way of the clubs coming together."

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